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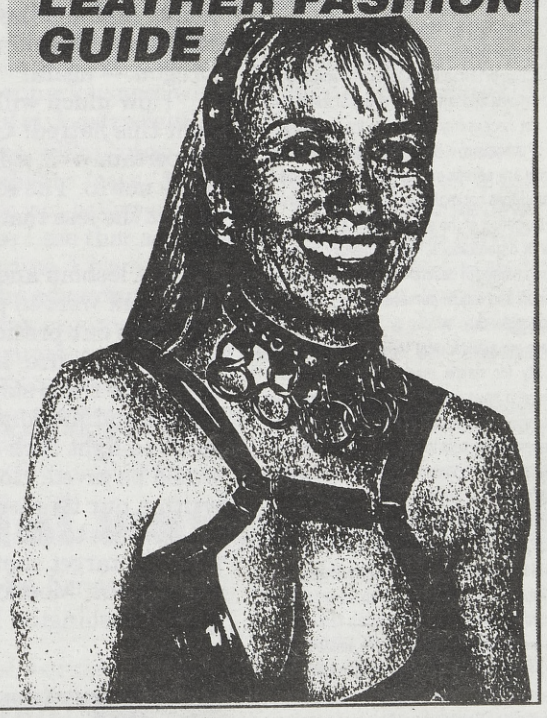

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Asian lesbians get the word out

Dear Editor:

We'd like to thank your fabulous paper for plugging our lesbian support group (Asian Pacific Sisterhood) in your calendar. Your paper has been the only means by which we can reach a large number of people, and we've come to realize that your paper has been instrumental in "getting the word out," at least in Davis. Once again thanks for the support and advertisement, and keep up the excellent quality of *MGW*..

Sincerely,
Adrienne Fong and APS

Less than two months to go

Dear Editor:

Like it or not we are in the middle of a battle. It is a fight as basic as right versus wrong, good against evil.

Like it or not we are front page news. The President of the United States is on our side. How about you?

The Colorado question — to boycott or not. The real question should be: how did the ballot question get asked in the first place? How was the Amendment proposal even validated? If The Amendment dealt with a racial or religious issue, the howls would have been deafening. But instead, the question was put on referendum, and, we/you/me lost. New ballot battle fronts are being drawn. Petition papers have been taken out in California. Likewise Florida. Idaho. Maine, Missouri. Minnesota. Washington. Oregon — again!

How much will it cost to fight this hatred? One thing for certain — it will cost a lot more not to. The sooner we stop it the less that cost will be.

If a lesbian and gay civil rights bill were to pass the Congress our president would sign the measure. It would invalidate these state by state battles and millions of dollars spent to fight each one of them would be saved. Have you written our representatives?

Letters to the liberals are fine; the target should be the fencesitters. Most important, get to Washington DC for the April 25th rally. It will be our opportunity to show the world our numbers and our diversity. Go! By bus, plane, train or thumb, it will be the singular greatest event you will ever experience.

If there is simply no way your body can be there make certain your spirit and support is. Make out a check for $5, $10 or whatever amount you can and send it to the National March on Washington office, Box 34607 Washington, DC 20043. This national effort is not government subsidized, we must pick up the tab. It is our responsibility. And we must each take up the cause.

David Reid

No room for disagreement

Dear Editor:

The February 15 edition of *MGW* published two letters of endorsement as well as its own endorsement in the District 5 City Council race for a friend to our community, Jean Shaw-Connelly. Unfortunately, one letter written by Dominic Barajas, represented the sad, divisive mentality that there is no room for disagreement among reasonable people and offered items he had "heard" to discredit the River City Democratic Club's co-chair, Michael Boyd, and our endorsement of Deborah Ortiz.

As a member of RCDC, I have attended all candidate endorsement meetings over the past year and have done my best to vote my endorsement for the best qualified candidates. I did no less in the District 5 City Council endorsement vote. After listening to each candidate and weighing the qualifications and presentations, I as well as most other RCDC members in attendance, voted by secret ballot to endorse Deborah Ortiz.

In Mr. Barajas' letter, I was accused of slapping our former Mayor Anne Rudin because I voted for Ms. Ortiz. This was a vote on City Council candidates and not on the former Mayor. (And for that matter, can't we ever disagree with the former Mayor?) I was also accused, as a member of RCDC, of accepting a promise of something from Ms. Ortiz for my vote. I request Mr. Barajas tell me what it was.

The accusation of a "back-room deal" between Ms. Ortiz and Mr. Boyd is ridiculous. First, Michael is not on her staff. Additionally, no individual has the power to decide RCDC's endorsement.

Why did *MGW* choose to publish such obvious and unsubstantiated rumor without even investigating? Don't you agree there's room for all of us to have a thoughtful opinion without having our credibility and ethics attacked?

Sincerely,
Dan Gentry

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No deal made

Dear Editor:

Who is Dominic Barajas and why is he attacking RCDC, Deborah Ortiz, and me? In a recent Letter to the Editor he wrote of his disappointment of RCDC's endorsement of Deborah for the 5th District City Council election. I quote, "What a slap in the face to one of our community's biggest supporters, former Mayor Anne Rudin..." That is an interesting interpretation of reality, but not one with much merit.

Barajas claims to have "heard that in her capacity as a member of the Democratic Central Committee, Ortiz has made some promises to RCDC and specifically its co-chair who is serving as a member of her campaign staff. Sounds like a political deal — exchanging favors for endorsements — and 'business as usual.'"

First the facts: Deborah Ortiz is not a member of the Democratic Central Committee and I am not a member of her staff. I am an unpaid volunteer on her steering committee which is a source of pride for our community. It is a reflection of our power that both a lesbian and I, a gay male, were asked to serve. Deborah respects our ideas and input. That is why so many gays/lesbians have been the backbone of her volunteer corps.

Now the ridiculous, very irritating, and cannibalistic innuendo: Barajas, get a grip! What could Deborah have offered RCDC to persuade two-thirds of those who voted, to endorse her? What deal could she have made with me? If you have some specific allegations, please state them. It is damaging to our community to have such unverified and unsupported crap written about a very qualified candidate, a major Democratic Club, and a co-chair who is an easy target. The reality is that Deborah and the other four candidates participated in our forum and Deborah won the required two-thirds vote as mandated by our bylaws. There was no "fix," so, please, don't spread lies that harm our community. It was clear, as evidenced by the vote, that Deborah is the best candidate. She is best for the gay/lesbian community and the community at large.

Our club and our meetings are open to anyone and I encourage Barajas to attend and to learn about a truly democratic club. Then, he would not be in the offensive positive of spreading innuendo and couched allegations.

Sincerely,
Michael Boyd
Chair — RCDC

Gays and PG&E

Dear Editor:

A few years ago I saw a news piece about the Salvation Army's successful efforts to overturn gay rights in New Zealand. This bothered me when I saw Salvation Army solicitations in nearly all of my PG&E bills. I asked that such solicitation be removed from my bill, and received the enclosed response.

Dear Dr. Murphy:

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Jerome Murphy, M.D.

The military is wrong

Dear Editor:

The reason Dan Hatfield and I held a news conference *(MGW 3/1/93)* was to stand up for what is right. The military is wrong to oppose gays in the military just like they were wrong to oppose integration.

Thousands of gay men died in Vietnam. If they were brave enough to die for their country, then America should be brave enough to let them serve.

Sincerely,
Bob Mulholland
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Former Supervisor Smoley at CAPPAC

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Sandy Smoley and husband Walt Rohrer meet with CAPPAC board members at the home of John Daniels and Sydney Crane to catch up on local politics.

KVIE wins award

The Center For National Independence in Politics recognized KVIE Channel 6 for outstanding service to the community with the Project Vote Smart National Public Service Award. KVIE played a significant role in the 1992 election year by making sure that citizens had access to factual information about candidates for federal office. Channel 6 distributed 500 copies of the "Voter's Self-Defense Manual" and publicized the information phone number.

A new publication, called "The U.S. Government Owner's Manual," will provide information which citizens can use to track elected officials' voting records, performance ratings, and stated issue positions. Info: Mary Ann Terpstra, KVIE Channel 6, Box 6, 95801.▼

Sex, Lies and Vengeance

by Marghe Covino
MGW Staff

Republicans from throughout the state of California were at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Sacramento for their State Convention. As expected, gays and lesbians were a hot topic. Discussion ranged from Sara DeVito Hardman, state Chair of the Christian Coalition, holding forth in the lobby about "all of those gays teeming in the bath houses," to the passage of, not one, but two resolutions supporting the ban on gays in the military.

Gay and lesbian Log Cabin Club members held forth in their hospitality suite, entertaining moderate Republicans and joining in the internal battle against the religious right. Party moderates were able to beat back two resolutions to affirm the party's position against abortion and another resolution which would have directed the national Republican party to consider Colorado as a site for the 1996 convention was defeated 368-267. Many party-watchers consider that vote to be a significant barometer of the changes taking place within the party itself. Frank Ricchiazzi, of the Log Cabin Club, an Wilson appointee as assistant director of the Department of Motor Vehicles called for a stop to the "hatred and witch-hunting."

Party vice-chair Dr. Tirso del Junco was elected to the chair in an uncontested race. Del Junco is expected to stress economic rather than social issues during his tenure of leadership. In the long range, the hotly contested race was for party vice-chair. Former U.S. Energy Secretary, John Harrington and John McGraw, an insurance broker from Redwood City conducted a bitter campaign. Harrington won 678 to 517 which was a relief to moderates looking to the future because McGraw is heavily identified with religious right issues. Del Junco and Harrington both pledged to keep social issues which divide the party in the background and economic and tax issues on the front burner.

However, moderate Marjorie Van Nuis of San Diego, co-founder of the Mainstream Voter Project which informs voters about candidates backgrounds and agendas, was roundly punished by having her state party voting privileges suspended by the credentials committee. Van Nuis, an ardent supporter of the separation of church and state, was accused by losing Assembly candidate, Steve Baldwin, of holding him up as an example of the kind of candidate which is hurting the Republican Party. In fact, Baldwin was videotaped by McNeil Lehrer as he ran away from their cameras, refusing to answer questions about his connections to figures in the religious right. Baldwin's campaign was heavily financed by the Capitol Commonwealth Group foursome, Howard Ahmanson, Rob Hurtt, Roland Hinz and Edward Atsinger, but in spite of their efforts and the expectation that Baldwin was a shoo-in, his cameo television appearance fleeing from the cameras was enough to defeat him. Baldwin complained that he had lost a "heartbreaking" race and blamed Van Nuis for the defeat.

Although Van Nuis was stripped of her voting rights, she has 30 days to appeal the decision which most delegates admit was outside of the rules and the jurisdiction of the committee. However all was not lost, during a reception for former Senate candidate, Tom Campbell, Van Nuis was roundly applauded and praised for her work with Mainstream Voter Project and was given a ribbon wrapped broom to "help her clean out the party."

While the news from the state convention was not all glum for supporters of social justice, Log Cabin Republicans still feel alienated from their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. "We were on the front lines here, telling people what was happening in the Republican party and in the political arena long before anyone even knew there was a Christian right," Ricchiazzi said, "and we were right about their agenda. Now we are again in the forefront warning gay and lesbian Democrats that their party isn't safe from them either — but we keep getting bashed by members of the gay community — just for being Republicans. We'd better start talking to one another and respecting each other's efforts in this battle."

President of Log Cabin Sacramento and Wilson appointee to the State Department of Consumer Affairs, Marty Kellor said, "Just as we should have stopped Hitler in Munich, the place to stop the religious right is in the Republican Party — our (gay and lesbian) community leaders have to stop acting like Neville Chamberlin and more like Winston Churchill. The battle is between us, all of us, and "them" (the religious right) not between ourselves — we need to act on that before it's too late."

Supporters of Gov. Pete Wilson were jubilant that the convention was one of "unity," and that there were no walk outs or boycotts of the event.

Sacramento political consultant Sal Russo said, "I think the Republicans learned from November — they got shellacked. This is not a divisive convention, they're

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Jews, queers and closets

by Yonassan Gershom
Guest writer

The readers of *Equal Time* have debated whether being queer is analagous to being black. I think being Jewish.

The very use of the word "queer" — once an insult, but now a term of pride — parallels the use of the word "Jew". During the late 19th century, American Jews often called themselves "Hebrews," because the dominant culture used "Jew" as a perjorative (as in "Jew the price down" or "dirty Jew.")

By the 1950s, Jewish publications were saying "of the Jewish faith," a rather affected phrase still used by some Jews and by many Gentiles. But the majority of Jewish people today have re-claimed the word "Jew" as a term of pride, a defiant affirmation that "Jewish is beautiful" in spite of what the bigots may say.

While Jewishness is not a race, neither is it merely a religion. To be Jewish is to belong to a tribal people whose membership, according to Jewish tradition, is determined by whether or not your mother is Jewish. It is also possible for Gentiles to convert to Judaism, and if they do so, they are considered bona fide members of the tribe.

Jews are like queers in that some are undoubtedly born that way, while others are self-made. But in either case, once you are Jewish, you face the same issues about "coming out" that confront gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. "To tell or not to tell" is often THE question.

Many people today do not realize that before the Civil Rights Amendment was passed in 1964, the same types of restrictions directed against people of color were also used against Jews. Employers could openly refuse to hire Jews. There were neighborhoods where we could not live and clubs we could never join. "Exclusive" was synonymous with "fashionable," which in practice meant "white Christians only." Those were the days of Anglicized names and nose jobs, when Jews straightened their hair and decorated "Hanukkah bushes" in order to "pass" for Gentiles.

Nowadays, American Jews have equal rights under the law, and can be found in all walks of life. But the closet issues still remain, and wearing a Star of David can be compared to wearing a pink triangle.

Within the queer community, too, Jews sometimes feel they must hide in the closet in order to be socially accepted. In fact, many have said that they are more "out" about being gay or lesbian in the Jewish community than they are about being Jewish in the queer community.

As a "professional Jew" who is paid to look and act Jewish, (after all, I am a rabbi), I seldom come into contact with overt prejudice on the public speaking circuit. I am also aware that panel discussions are an artificial construct, and for this reason I sometimes travel incognito, just to see what the real world is like. Because I have somewhat "Aryan" features, it is possible for me to "pass" for a Gentile. All I have to do is change my clothes, tone down my hand gestures, and use "Minnesota nice" voice inflections.

But on the other hand, during these undercover forays I have frequently endured bigoted slurs and ethnic jokes about Jews, told by otherwise "nice" people who did not know that I was Jewish. What to do? Laugh at something that was not funny? Refuse to laugh and be asked what was "wrong" with me? Try to raise consciousness while remaining in the closet? Or come out and risk ostracism?

Being gay is like being Jewish because, in both cases, it is usually possible to "pass," but the price of that closet is high. I personally do not believe in "outing" people, either as Jews or as gays, because I see that as a violation of individual privacy. But at the same time, I have spent many hours of one-to-one time discussing the advantages of publicly affirming Jewish pride. If I were to list my arguments for coming out as a Jew alongside the usual arguments for coming out as a queer, the reasons would be very much the same.

Rabbi Yonassan Gershom is the author of "Beyond the Ashes: Cases of Reincarnation from the Holocaust, by A.R.E. Press.▼

Social workers march

by Marghe Covino
MGW Staff

Social workers and students from CSU Sacramento, who call themselves Social Workers for Social Responsibility are planning a solidarity march and demonstration at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on April 25. The march is planned to demonstrate solidarity with gay and lesbian civil rights marchers in Washington, D.C. for the April 25 March on Washington.

Joyce Miller, one of the group's organizers said, "Some of us are gay/lesbian and some are not. We want our voices to be heard with our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to make sure the issues of social justice stay in the public consciousness." Miller's group is issuing a call to "all the men and women in California who, for one reason or another were unable to make it to Washington, D.C. but feel they want to participate in this historic occasion."

Miller is hoping that notices in gay/lesbian newspapers will result in organizations and individuals contacting her at (916) 736-0426 or another parade organizer, Monica Erdosh, (916) 457-3849 for more information.▼

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Thursday, April 8, 6:30pm, Kennedy High School, 6715 Gloria Dr.

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm, McClatchy High School, 3066 Freeport Blvd.

Monday, April 19, 6:30pm, Grant High School, 1400 Grand Ave.

Wednesday, April 28, 6:30pm, St. Francis Girls School, 6051 M St.

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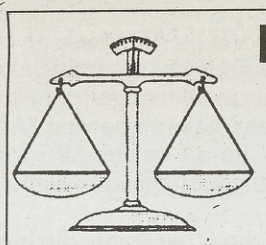

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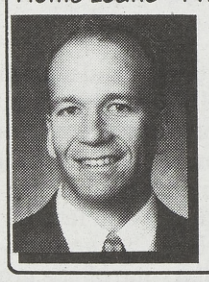

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Town Council discusses inclusions of bisexuals

On March 22 the Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Town Council met at Sports Leisure Travel for their general meeting. Some of the organizations in attendance were CGNIE, SLCC, Twin Spirits Veterans Association, The Lambda Community Fund, The Sacramento Bisexual Network, Lambda Letters, RCDC, Act Up, and *MGW*. A quorum was present and the meeting continued.

Secretary Scott Farrell suggested that a Town Meeting should be sponsored by the Town Council. Everyone would be welcome to attend a conference where local organizations and groups would outline their purposes, future goals, and present projects.

Boyce Hinman of Lambda Letters project produced letters written to President Clinton, Sam Nunn, and our local representatives for signing. A new group called "The Lambda Letters Task Force" set a tentative date to meet and discuss the tactics that will be utilized to achieve the massive letter sending campaign. Info: Joanna, 451-0288.

The Court of the Great North West Imperial Empire Incorporated was represented by Empress Stacey. It was announced that Steve will be running for Emperor alongside Yvette who seeks to gain the seat of Empress. Steve noted that significance of the appointment would be that for the first time ever CGNIE is moving toward being more closely associated with the community. The election will be on April 17 from 10am to 8pm at the Lambda Community Center.

Michael Boyd of River City Democratic Club announced that he had been approached by The Social Workers for Social Responsibility for assistance in putting on a "March on Sacramento" to coincide with the March on Washington on April 25. He expressed concern that the non-gay group had put this together and there was not support from any lesbian and gay organizations. At the end of the discussion a committee was formed and a meeting was planned to assist forming the March at the Capitol. Info: 448-2383.

There was a motion to change the name of the Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Town Council to include the word "bisexual." There was discussion both for and against. Bill, of the Sacramento Bisexual network spoke of the importance of including bisexuals in lesbian and gay organizations. He talked about the great amounts of animosity from both the heterosexual and homosexual community. Others also offered that the word bisexual would not be an acceptable addition because of the word "sexual." It was submitted that in the past a struggle had taken place with lesbian and gay organizations to choose the politically correct term to identify homosexual organizations. It was mentioned the word "sexual" was purposefully avoided because it could be used by more conservative groups to undermine the true purpose. With a vote of 11 to 6, the motion to alter the name was not approved.

Michael Boyd encouraged SABN to continue to come to the meetings and pointed out that the result of the vote did not represent any lack of acceptance toward SABN or any bisexual organization. It was also pointed out that adding the word "bi" may be better received and that an acceptable medium could be reached in future meetings.▼

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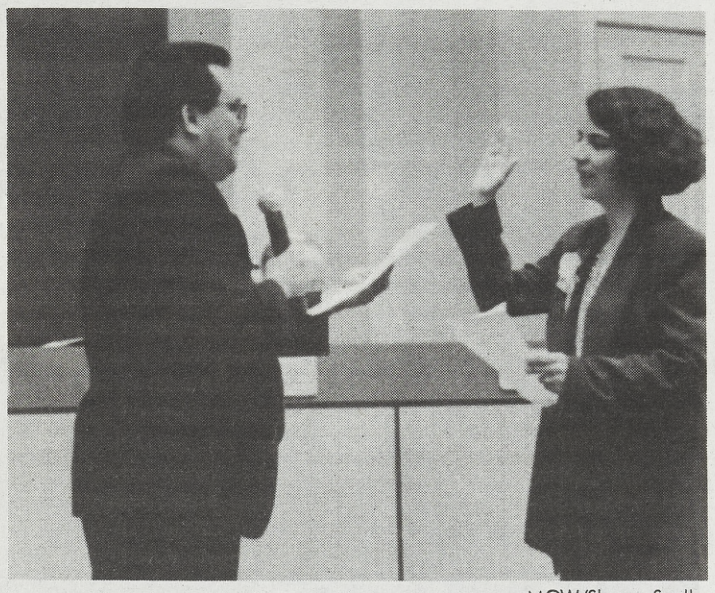

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Deborah Ortiz, Councilmember Elect - District 5, takes oath of office administered by Assemblyman Richard G. Polanco on March 9.

Hate, lies and videotape ...

Religious right video generates anti-gay hysteria in Pentagon

A new group to fight anti-gay hate crusades has formed and has kicked off its media campaign with the premier of *Hate, Lies and Videotape,* a new tape that exposes the propaganda tactics of the religious Right.

The Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC) announced its formation and will produce and distribute media that exposes the agenda of the religious right and promotes lesbian and gay visibility. GLEMC is a project of Testing the Limits, an award-winning filmmaking group based in New York City.

One of GLEMC's first projects was the premiere of a new video, *Hate, Lies and Videotape,* vividly compares *The Gay Agenda* — a slick 19-minute-documentary-style video that feeds on gay and lesbian stereotypes — with other hate propaganda films such as *The Eternal Jew* (a 1940 Nazi propaganda film).

GLEMC charged that Congressional and Pentagon resistance to lifting the ban against gays in the military is being fueled by *The Gay Agenda.* The "videotape of hate" has been distributed to U.S. Senators, representatives and to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and is being shown in military establishments around the country and abroad. Gay activists were outraged to hear recently that Gen. Carl Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marines, had provided copies to the Joint Chiefs.

The Gay Agenda includes sensationalist images from gay pride events taken out of context and combined with statements from "medical authorities" and other psuedo-officials. The video is one of the major weapons in the Far Right's declared "Holy War" against lesbians and gays.

The Gay Agenda video was produced by the Springs of Life charismatic Christian church in Lancaster, Calif. The tape was released last October, with thousands of copies delivered to Oregon and Colorado in time for those states' anti-gay initiatives. The tape is endorsed and promoted by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, and is sold for $13.95 over Robertson's *700 Club* cable show.

GLEMC produced *Hate, Lies and Videotape* to expose and counter the fear-mongering tactics of the Far Right. It contains compelling comparisons between *The Gay Agenda* and propaganda tactics of the Ku Klux Klan and the German Nazi movement. The tape also contains dramatic footage of gay-bashing victims and their attackers. Copies of the tape were distributed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the major television networks, with more copies slated for distribution to the U.S. Congress.

GLEMC will produce and distribute short videotapes for organizing and public education; radio/TV public service, announcements and advertising; print materials; and a feature-length documentary about anti-gay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Colorado. Copies of GLEMC videos will be distributed as part of NGLTF's "Fight the Right in '93" grassroots organizing effort.

Info: (212) 229-2863, 39 W. 14th St., #402, N.Y., NY 10011.▼

Vengeance

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holding together better than people thought they would."

Dan Schnur, communications director for Wilson summed it up saying, "This is a win for the Republican party." It remains to be seen if the peace will be kept or if a statewide anti-gay initiative will be facing the gay and lesbian community in the near future.▼-

New "family" bill proposed

by Marghe Covino
MGW Staff

Senate Constitutional Amendment 18 (SCA 18) was introduced by Christian right stalwart, State Senator Tim Leslie, (R-Carnelian Bay - Sacramento). The legislation would amend State Constitution Section I and would add Section 31 to Article I relating to families. The measure would also enact the Family Bill of Rights which states that a family, as defined by Leslie, is a "natural and legal relationship entitled to the highest constitutional recognition and protections."

The measure provides a sweeping application of its intent to all government activities and is of concern to Jerry Sloan of Project Tocsin in Sacramento. Sloan says this is still another attempt to exclude any but the "narrowest so-called "christian" interpretation of family from official definition. And from there it will be easier for the theocratic right to prevent any other couples and families to receive recognition or benefits due them as citizens and taxpayers."

Sloan termed Leslie's measure "pernicious — an evil, destructive thing. These repressive measures and laws always lead me to wonder why the recognition or sanction of other families and relationships is so frightening to them [the christian right]. What does it take away from them — from their lives? Are their relationships so tenuous that the mere recognition of another configuration would somehow spoil or demean what they hold so dear? Mr. Leslie has yet to learn there are many kinds of love and many expressions of it — and all of it is far preferable to the kind of hatred he and his cohorts are inflicting in the state houses across this country with their initiatives and measures and amendments."

The text of Leslie's amendment reads:

WHEREAS, Civilizations are established and cultures are preserved and transmitted primarily by families, from parent to children to grandchildren, from generation to generation' and

WHEREAS, The recognition of the natural and inalienable rights and responsibilities between a man and a woman in marriage and between parents and their children, by birth and adoption, has been so basic and fundamental to American law and government that at the time of the drafting of our state and federal constitutions the protection of these invaluable foundations of society was presumed rather than expressly delineated in the law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 1993-94 Regular Session commencing on the seventh day of December 1992, two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two houses of the Legislature voting therefore, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows;

First — That Section I of Article I thereof, is amended to read:

SECTION I: All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, preserving the integrity of one's family, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy.

Second — That Section 31 is added to Article I thereof, to read:

SECTION 31: (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Family Bill of Rights."

(b) A family is a natural and legal relationship entitled to the highest constitutional recognition and protections.

(c) This section is self-executing and applies to all governmental activities, laws, regulations, and legal proceedings of every kind, including but not limited to, educational, administrative, regulatory, civil, criminal, and juvenile proceedings.

(d) "Family" for the purpose of this article means (1) a man and woman related by marriage, or (2) a parent and his or her children, natural and adopted.

Rand Martin of Assemblymember Terry Friedman's (D-Los Angeles) office said he's "keeping an eye" on the measure but as yet doesn't expect it "to get very far."▼

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Food program growing ...

Share Food Program food boxes are now $14 (for about $45 worth of groceries). The program is growing by leaps and bounds, serving hundreds of people watching their food budgets. Money (or food stamps) turned in approximately the first week of each month; pick up at AIDS Foundation parking lot or MCC Church about third Saturday of each month. April $ is due Friday, April 9; pickup at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 24. Call 448-2437 or 737-3409 for more info.

The maturing of an epidemic...

Because people are living years longer with AIDS, there's a growing need for programs to advise on the social, legal, and psychological aspects of HIV disease, in addition to medical awareness, says the Centers for Disease Control. Food banks are being utilized to a greater degree than ever before; more volunteers are being called upon to help with the physical, emotional, social, and bureaucratic aspects of the disease; and housing facilities for people at all stages of the disease are needed as a record number of HIV cases have developed into AIDS. Sacramento is at the forefront of creating programs that meet these needs, run by organizations that work together as a team for the benefit of their clients with HIV disease.

AIDS Walk volunteers needed ...

This year's AIDS Walk, to be held June 6, currently needs day-time telephone volunteers to help place advertisements with businesses. Please call Mark Fleming, Walk coordinator, at 448-2437.

California insurance proposal...

Legislation introduced in early March would make it illegal for health-insurance companies to discriminate against California policyholders with AIDS. It would prohibit the practice of canceling a person's policy after a claim is made because of allegations that the person misrepresented information on the enrollment form. Under the proposal, a standardized medical history form would be used by all health insurance companies, insurers would be prevented from testing applicants for HIV without their consent, and workers would be guaranteed the right to supplemental Medicare coverage if they lose their jobs and their insurance coverage because of illness.

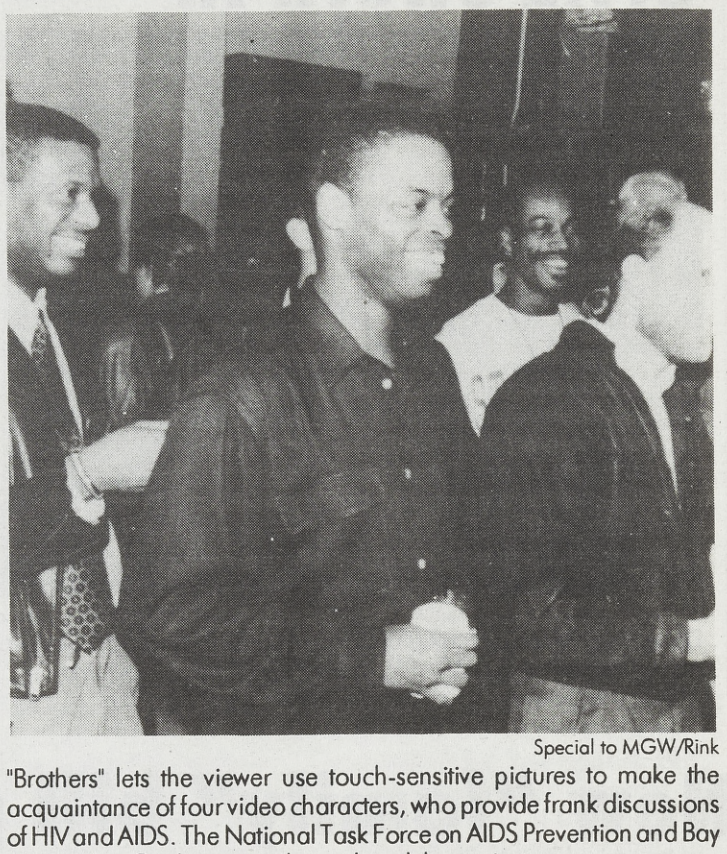
France offers full AIDS coverage ...

All people with HIV and AIDS in France, which currently has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in Europe, will now be fully covered by the country's social security system. "We have decided to offer 100 percent health coverage to all HIV-positive people who want it, as of today," announced the Health Minister last month. All health conditions will remain confidential, and condom machines will be installed in high schools, where it's estimated that more than 50 percent of all students have sexual relations.

AIDS in China...

The number of people in China with HIV disease has increased from 4 in 1988 to about 1,000. The first hotline in the country was recently set up to try to educate a nation with inadequate government education programs that don't allow people to get information anonymously. About 10 people a day are using the hotline, but are greatly concerned that other people might find out they called. Many callers want to know if AIDS is transmitted from mosquitos, or through swimming, eating, and shaking hands with foreigners (it's not). If too many questions are asked by hotline personnel for record purposes, the frightened callers hang up. About 75 percent of Chinese being treated for HIV disease identify themselves as drug users; about 15 percent of the hotline callers identify themselves as gay.▼

AIDS education video installed



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"Brothers" lets the viewer use touch-sensitive pictures to make the acquaintance of four video characters, who provide frank discussions of HIV and AIDS. The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and Bay Area Video Coalition jointly produced the project.

SLCC holds forum on lifting the military ban

A seminar about lesbians and gays in the military was the purpose of the March 10 gathering of nearly 60 people at the YWCA. The event sponsored by Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change focused on creating a coalition within the community to bring active support for President Clinton in his decision. A panel consisting of Marghe Covino, President, Lambda Community Fund, Joan Lewis, First Officer, Twin Spirits Veterans Association, and Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE Lobby, was assembled for the presentation.

Joan Lewis gave a moving testimonial about her experience with the Navy. The story of the drawn-out investigation of her sexuality while serving, gave a vivid picture of the reality effects of the ban.

Laurie McBride discussed what is going on at Capitol Hill and the uphill battle she and her colleagues face in their attempts to support Clinton. She emphasized the importance of writing, faxing, or calling the White House in order to counter the numerous correspondences flooding in from the Christian right. In her words, the "Rabid Right."

Marghe Covino presented detailed information of the startling movement going on in the country by the religious right to extinguish lesbians and gays. A flow chart of the goals of the group mapping out intentions of the religious movement appeared more complicated than a DNA chart.

The panel was followed by the slanted, scientifically distorted, propaganda video that is being produced by the religious right titled "The Gay Agenda."

Gays and lesbians need to be made aware of the vast importance of lifting the ban. The media's focus will shed some light on the myths of homosexuality and it is important that light be kept burning.

The political committee of SLCC is planning more informational seminars throughout the year. SLCC has also joined the Town Council in forming the "Lambda Letters Task Force" that will intensely focus on getting hundreds of thousands of letters to the Capitol. Info: Joanna Cassese, 451-0288.▼

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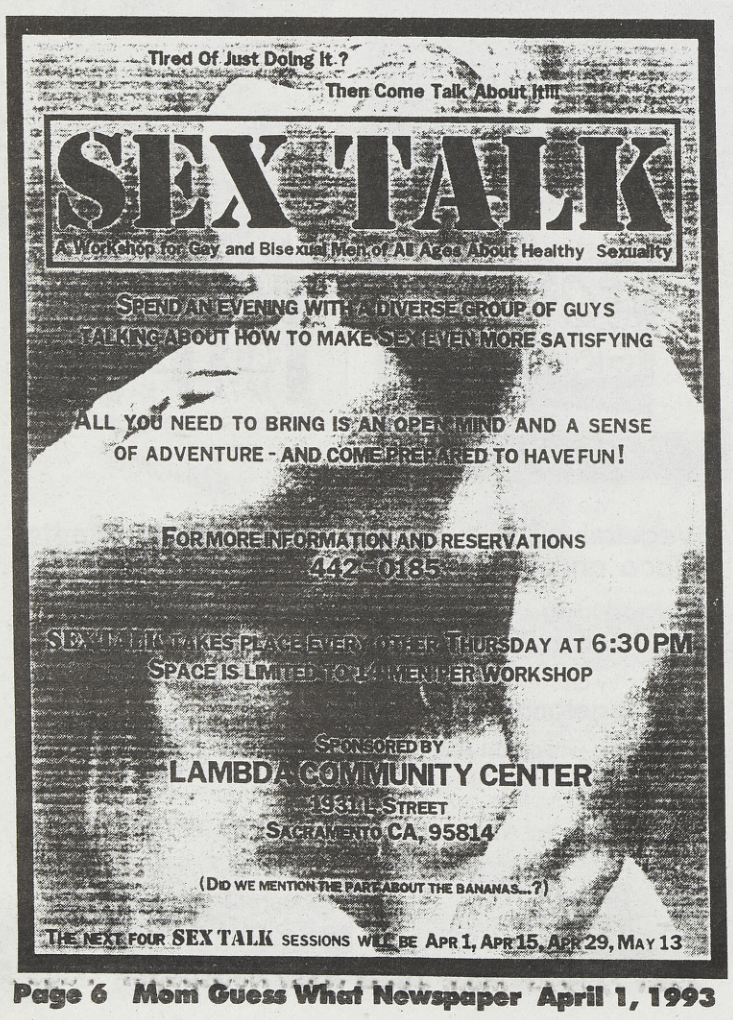
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Hate takes too much Energy

Students elect first openly-gay statewide president

Student delegates from SUNY schools across NY state elected Glenn D. Magpantay president of the Student Assn. of the State University of NY, a statewide lobbying organization. Magpantay said, "I think my election makes a tremendous impact ... not too long ago I never thought that SASU would elect an openly gay president, much less one who is also a person of color."

NGLTF announces new organizing manuals

Gay/lesbian grassroots activists may obtain *Organizing Against Violence* as a set for $22 or as separate publications and *Domestic Partnership Organizing Manual* for $10 from NGLTF Public Information Manager Robin Kane, (202) 332-6483 or send check payable to: NGLTF, 1734 14th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Lesbian is denied church pastorship

The Rev. Jane Spahr who was chosen by the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Nov. 1991 was challenged by 10 churches in the upstate NY presbytery that includes Rochester. Now, because she is "a self-affirmed, practicing homosexual," the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has found her appointment improper and "upheld denominational policy." Spahr, who works at a special ministry serving homosexuals and people with AIDS in San Anselmo, says she'll remain at the special ministry and will work to change church policy. Only one major Christian denomination — the United Church of Christ — allows ordination of homosexuals. Spahr says she believes "her sexuality is a gift from God. For any institution to encourage that a person lie ... I am deeply troubled by the situation."

— Sacramento Bee

Alyson Publications off market

Sasha Alyson has taken his publishing company off the market. In spite of great interest, none of the parties offered the right combination of financial and management benefits ... Alyson explained, "...I still love publishing, so I'm not entirely disappointed..." He has begun searching for someone to replace continue setting the company's overall direction.

Nominations for grand marshal

Nominations are open for 1993 Grand Marshals for the S.F. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. Voting will take place March 14th at the General Meeting. Nominations must be submitted in writing to Grand Marshals, SFLGFDP & CC, 584 Castro St., #513, S.F. 94114. The Parade will be held Sunday, June 27, beginning at 11am.

More gay catalogs

The Pride Company's products can be found in over 60 stores in 20 states. A strong retail business has been developed through mail order. Seventeen new designs are offered, including a new line of western designs, "Pride Patches," and handmade "Pride Bears" for 1993. Info: 4104 24th St., #346, S.F. 94114, 1 (800) 568-5880.▼

Hands around the Capitol

AIDS activists from around the nation will link hands around the Capitol to call for additional funding for AIDS research and care. Hands-Around-the-Capitol is at noon on Saturday, April 24. ACT UP/DC envisions Hands-Around-the-Capitol as a message to Congress that the American people will not stand for inadequate AIDS research and care spending. Equal levels of effort for every person infected with HIV are needed, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and age. Info: (202) 328-2437.▼

Buckley more homophobic

Conservative commentator and *National Review* publisher William F. Buckley, Jr. stepped up his anti-gay machine even though his close friend, conservative fund-raiser, and *National Review* contributor Marvin Liebman came out publicly.

— Sentinel

Gay California assemblyman?

John Laird, who served for nine years on the Santa Cruz City Council and two one-year terms as mayor, is expected to run for Sam Farr's seat. If elected, Laird would be the first openly gay member of the California Assembly.

The Celluloid Closet a film?

Lily Tomlin is attempting to raise about $800,000 to make a film of Vito Russo's book *The Celluloid Closet* which has become the seminal reference on how lesbians and gay men have been depicted by Hollywood from the first days of "motion pictures" through the 1980s. Donations can be made to Lily Tomlin, Reflective Image, 347 Dolores St., #307, S.F. 94110.

— Seattle Gay News

African American mayor comes out

Mayor Kenneth Reeves, Cambridge, Mass., announced that he is gay during a speech before the Greater Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance where he was an honored guest. Reeves became the first openly gay African-American mayor in the country.

— Seattle Gay News

Gay rights bill approved by NY assembly

By a vote of 90 to 50, the N.Y. State Assembly passed and sent to the State Senate its first Gay Rights bill. The bill is supported by Governor Cuomo but passage in the Senate is still uncertain.

— N.Y. Times

Gay resorts escape flooding

Even though storms caused the Russian River to crest at 38 feet — 6 feet above flood level — gay resorts in the area sustained little damage except bad publicity which has reduced business. Resort owners say, "We're all cleaned up and ready to go. The sun is out and it's beautiful but there's no one here."

— Sentinel

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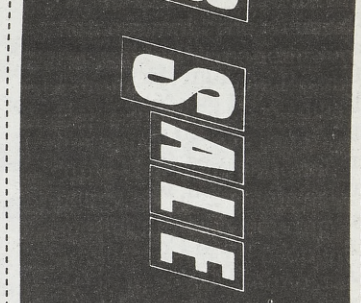

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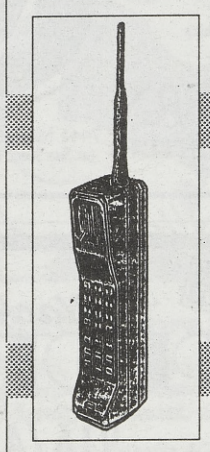
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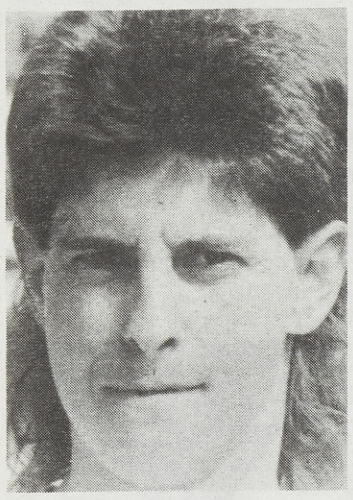
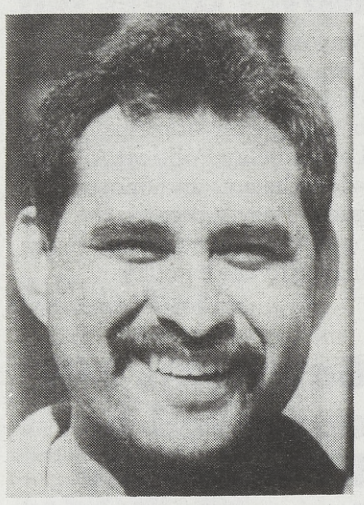
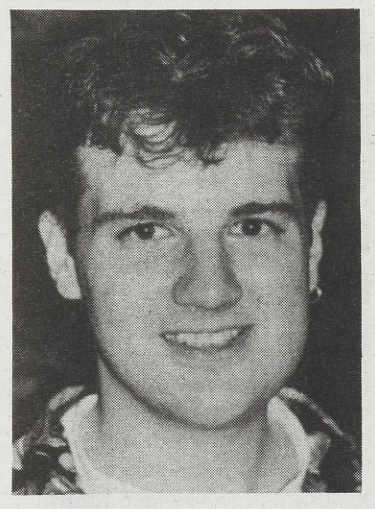


Beth Kurpies
My sister hid my bike up in a loft and I had a hard time finding it. It took me three days to find where she hid it.



Shaun Potter
I dressed up as Brooke Shields for a convention and everyone thought I was a real woman.

Judith Wright
I told my family I was moving to a Bolivia mountain top to contemplate God . They believed me - I may still go.



Kevin McLemore
My roommate changed the keys on my keyrings and I was locked out of the house after partying.

MGW/ Charles Peer

Elizabeth Warren
It's no joke - it's my 11th year anniversary. Nancy, you are my heartbeat.

MEDIA WATCH

by Hollie Conley
GLAAD/SFBA

Board of education

On February 9, the San Francisco Board of Education adopted a resolution to divest school district funds from the Bank of America, because the bank continues to support the homophobic policies of the Boy Scouts. A recent fundraising letter from Thomas Bennet, executive vice president of the San Francisco Bay Area Boy Scout Council, reaffirms that "membership standards for youth and adults in the Boy Scouts of America HAVE NOT changed: and, whipping up homophobia to raise money, announces a "Stand Up! Speak Out! Campaign" to fend off a lesbian and gay "attack." Six of the seven Board of Education members voted for the divestiture resolution, which was authored by President Tom Ammiano and Commissioner Angie Fa. The resolution will now be forwarded to the City Treasurer, Mary Callahan, for her opinion. Callahan has not yet indicated support for divestment. Encourage the treasurer to fully implement the resolution adopted by the Board of Education. Write to Mary I. Callahan, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco, City Hall, Rm. 110, S.F. 94102, (415) 554-4478.

The Economist

A February 6 editorial in *The Economist,* the London-based international news magazine, cited false information to support the notion that American lesbians and gays already have equal rights and only want special treatment. With the promising title "Gay rights or human rights? the distinction America need to draw" the editorial began by supporting President Clinton's initiative to end discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military. The piece then went on to condemn anti-discrimination laws (when based on sexual orientation) because "homosexuals already have rights ... under the 14th amendment to the constitution ... by right, and by law, homosexuals already may not be disbarred from equal access to housing and jobs." Although 22 states still have sodomy laws, *The Economist* claimed that "these are aimed at heterosexuals too" (some of these laws do prohibit some heterosexual acts; some do not). It gets worse. On the issue of recent hate initiatives, *The Economist* condemned Oregon's Measure 9 as a "blatantly nasty proposal," but claimed, falsely, that "even that did not seek to limit the civil rights of homosexuals." Other claims were made about Colorado's Amendment 2 being the natural result of anti-discrimination laws, because "protective laws, when aimed at a particular group, single that group out, and may draw down upon it real resentment, against which laws can have little effect." Respond to *The Economist,* 25 St. James's St., London SW1A1HG, Britain.

Nat'l Academy of Sciences

A report by the National Academy of Sciences concludes that the importance of AIDS has been overestimated. According to *The Social Impact of AIDS,* the disease will have no lasting impact on society because it has been limited to marginal communities. The report also argues on behalf of "traditional public health methods" such as "quarantine, mass mandatory testing, and contact tracing" which it claims may be given more attention as the epidemic shifts "into populations that are less politically potent than the gay community." The response of American religious groups to AIDS has been, according to the report, "notable and nuanced. It has been notable because, on the whole, it has followed the religious imperative to provide compassionate care and has repudiated discrimination" — though discrimination against people with HIV has been as often instigated as repudiated by churches around the country, and many have used the epidemic to promote their prejudices, even to the point of spreading misinformation. Contact the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20418, (202) 334-2000.

Book of the month club

Book News, the monthly catalogue of the Book of the Month Club, featured an admirably up-front promotion for *The New Joy of Gay Sex,* by Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano. *Book News* showed no squeamishness about promoting the book, including a half page drawing of two men that could even be called erotic. Write to: Brigitte Weeks, Editor in Chief, Book of the Month Club, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17012.

West County Times

The *West County Times* ran an opinion piece which demands a massive response. In "Gays taking over the schools," Ben LeFebvre equated gay and lesbian people to cancer, and compared hatred of us to society's "immune system." "The failure of society to protect itself from the cancer of homosexuality is like AIDS," LeFebvre wrote. "And the disease is far advanced if a people will no longer fight to protect their children from those who would recruit them for their own defiled ends." LeFebvre was ostensibly writing about moves by public schools in California and New York to teach tolerance of lesbians and gays. "So with homosexuals ... it is not enough to live one's life; the whole world must look on and applaud ... And more, children must now be indoctrinated to think that one of the more debased forms of human behavior is something to be emulated. And now the cultural war of deception and degeneracy is to be foisted on school children. That such a topic could be suggested is an indictment of a dying society." Respond to Mr. LeFebvre's hatred by trying to explain to *West County Times* readers why tolerance should be taught in schools; or question the editors' judgment in accepting such vicious lies as part of any reasonable debate. Send a letter for publication to Reader's Forum, West County Times, Box 128, Pinole CA 94564; or write Anthony Marquez, Editor, West County Times, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond CA 94806.

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, SF Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible, supply documentation. Call (415) 861-4588, (408) 235-0229 or (510) 273-9146; fax (415) 861-4893; GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., #B, S.F., CA 94114.▼

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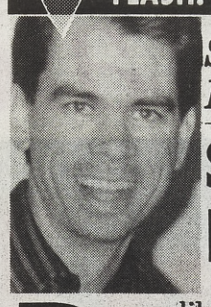
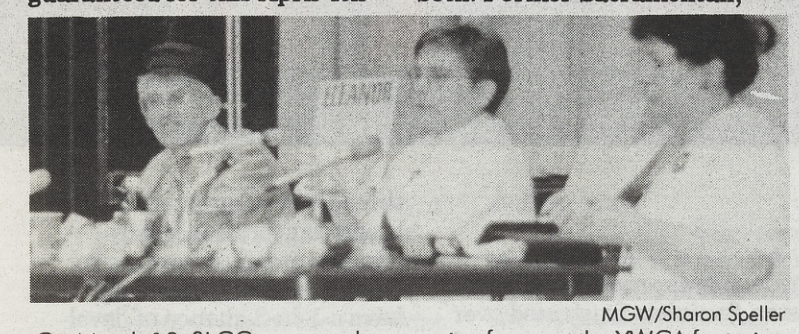


Ski Bash '93, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and SACWN ...

Sacramento is hopping in April

Do you like to go skiing? Would you like to raise to money for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation? Then take part in **Ski Bash '93** sponsored by **Northstar Ski Resort, Sports Leisure Travel** and **FM 102.** The ski season has been excellent this year and tons of snow is guaranteed for this April 4th Easter Sunday. A bit less confrontational action is taking place this year. A mass wedding and Easter Bonnet Contest is scheduled for 10am. If you feel that CCC's continued attacks on our community need to be addressed, you may want to attend with your partner or your Easter hat or both. Former Sacramentan,



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On March 10, SLCC presented an evening forum at the YWCA featuring Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE Lobby, Marghe Covino, Co-founder of Project Tocsin, the fundamentalist Christian watchdog group, Joan Lewis, First Officer of Twin Spirits Lesbian and Gay Veteran's Association, and Boyce Hinman, The Lambda Letters.

event. Call SAF at 448-2437 for more details. Who knows you might even win one of the many **prizes** offered! ● **Joan Lewis,** 1st officer of **Twin Spirits Veterans Association** (TVSA) is on a roll. She recently spoke at an educational forum sponsored by SLCC. The focus of the evening was the military ban on gays and lesbians. **Ms. Lewis** also received a personal reply from **President Clinton** thanking her for writing to him on the military issue. This should inspire us to all write a quick note! ● Some of the other featured speakers at the SLCC "Lift the Ban" forum were **Marghe Covino,** co-founder of Project Tocsin, the Fundamentalist Christian Watchdog Group, **Laurie McBride,** Executive Director of Life Lobby, and **Boyce Hinman,** Lambda Letters ● The **Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence** and other activist groups are making their second annual pilgrimage to the Capital Christian Center (CCC) on local celebrity and now a mega-superstar in San Francisco, **Stephen Crow** welcomes you to the April 11 celebration ● On a local newscast, a story about videotape theft featured the midtown video outlet **Films for Days** and customer **Cris Breivik.** Now the story was **not** implying that **Cris** rents movies and steals them. It merely was showing the everyday operation of a video store. **Cris** just happened to be there renting who-knows-what kind of movie. With the focus of the news piece, it would not surprise me a bit if the movie being rented was *Gone With the Wind* ● The **Foothills Lesbian and Gay Society** (FLAGS) rescheduled their country western potluck and dance lesson night to April 10. Yours truly will instruct some line and circle dances. So call me with those requests and come on by ● One store that is growing and frequented by many in our community is **Genesis Male.** When you are stopping for a sweet at See's Candy on 22 & J, check out Genesis Male next store. Owner **Lon Garbis** informs me that more merchandise is arriving daily. Many of the clothes have an International Male flair. **HOWEVER,** you don't have to wait for delivery at this store and there's no shipping and handling charges! ● A hearty welcome back to Sacramento to **Ralph LaTorre** and **Greg Blair.** Lots of folks try other places but work their way back to the big tomato! ● **Kenny Hamm** was also back in town but only for a visit. Kenny now lives in Austin, Texas and looks like a football player. He never looked like a NFL player when he lived in Sacramento! Younger brother **Johnny** keeps things hopping by remaining in Sacramento. Both brothers are great fun, the kind you'd like to take home to Mom or just take out ● Happy April Birthdays to swimming fool **Terri Planiden,** Heart to Heart facilitator, **Brian Lew,** business tycoon **Norman Lorenz,** choreographer **Robert Kelley,** and yours truly who is finally catching up to **Sonya Cox!!** ● **Nightlife** in Sacramento is thriving ... One new establishment, the **Mirage** is not a figment of your imagination. Owner **Valerie Marlow** informs me that two co-ed pool teams have been formed to compete in the **River City Billiards** organization. They are also putting together a women's softball team for spring. Check out this new spot at 15 & F streets ..... **William Hedge** is putting together a one-man show for the **Town House** cabaret in April. Also make a reservation for dinner or brunch while you're there ..... The **Buffalo Club** is jumping on the country western dance scene with early evening dancing (7-9pm) on Sundays and Tuesdays. They have an expanded dance floor and a patio out back where you can relax and catch a bite ..... **Joseph's Town and Country's** (JTC) huge entertainment complex has something going every night. They too have a country western dancing and they offer lessons on Wednesday evenings ..... The **Wreck Room** just hosted its fourth annual "Leather Daddy & Daddy's Boy Contest." Understandably, the **Sacramento Leather Association** (SLA) is the sponsor of this event. If you missed it there's always next year. Stay tuned for more SLA events and benefits ..... The **Mercantile Saloon** amazes me, the crowd is always a fun and hospitable one. **LaKish** and **Skip** are often working on a benefit. Stop by and see when the next event will be ..... And finally, **Faces** has something happening all the time. Its difficult to know where to start. One happening of interest to me is the Country Western Dance Contest for women on March 31 and for men on April 1. Finals for both contests will be on April 4. Also of interest is the Fairy Godfather's benefit show "Search for the Stars" on April 10 ● Congratulations to **Sacramento News & Review** (SN&R) on receiving seven prestigious press awards. SN&R competed against 400 other newspapers in California. The awards were presented at the annual California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA) convention in San Jose ● **Lioness Books** continues its series of community events with the **Brown Bag Reader's Theatre** on April 17. This is a comedic performance dealing with lesbians and recovery. The Brown Bag Reader's Theatre group will do skits on fun subjects such as alcoholism, codependency, sex and love addiction, overeating and many other side-splitting topics ● **WANTED!** Your attendance at the production of country/western music presented by the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** on May 1-2 at Congregation B'Nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. Don't miss it! ● **SACWN** encourages all you women out there to plan ahead for **Gwen Avery. Ms. Avery** is the Bay Area's "Sugar Mama" who sings the blues. This event happens April 17 ● Until next time, make those last minute plans for the historic **March on Washington** .....

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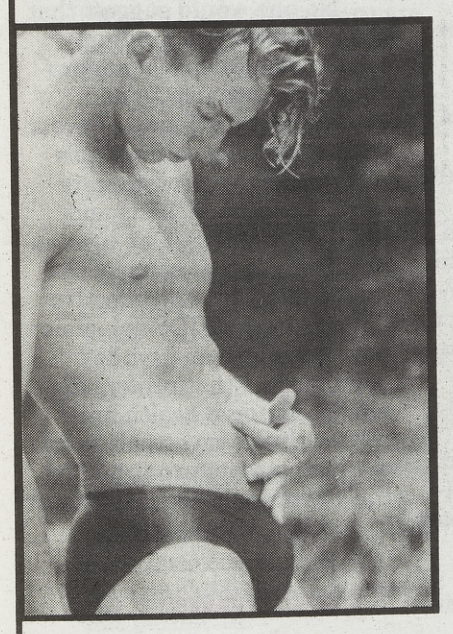

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RCDC celebrates a decade

The River City Democratic Club, RCDC, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a party at Faces. RCDC's founding president and its first treasurer were among the guests reminiscing and discussing changes in local politics in the last decade. Ten years ago it was unusual to see large gatherings of gays and lesbians in one place. Now, thousands attend the Lambda Fair and the Rainbow Festival. Each year has seen an increase in RCDC membership and in the level of activities which range from working for campaigns to hosing the RCDC's Annual Lambda Awards Dinner. In the last election, RC 22, a project of the political action committee, coordinated the volunteer efforts of more than 40 members working for a variety of campaigns.

The club holds meetings that are open to the public on the third Monday of each month at the YWCA located at 17th and L Sts. Topics have included "The Reactionary Christian Right," and "Backroom Politics, Clearing the Smoke." Delaine Eastin, Assemblymember, and member of the Education Committee, will be the speaker at the April 19 meeting at 6:30pm.

Info: 394-3114.▼

Civil rights march planned for May Day at State Capitol

The Committee for Democracy in the Americas has organized a March for Democracy in the Americas, slated for Saturday, May 1 at Sacramento's State Capitol. Beginning at 11am, the march will start at the Longshoreman's Union Hall at 600 4th St. and will end at the north side of the Capitol at 12:30pm.

Confirmed speakers include David Arian, President of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, African Americans', women's and immigrants' rights representatives.

Organizers for the the community to "stand arm in arm in international solidarity with struggles for democracy ... the fate of working people in the U.S. must be tied to that of Latin America, as to that of women, African Americans, Native Americans, and all others who demand justice and true democracy." They continue, "the outcry by entrenched interests against creation of gay and lesbian rights in the military show how far our country still needs to go in the fight against homophobia and for human civil rights for all."

Info: 446-3021.▼

Rummage, baked goods wanted

Rainbow Real Estate Professionals are looking for donations for their Rummage and Bake Sale on April 24 in the Lambda Center parking lot.

Info: Bridget Maron 457-3633.▼

Search for the Stars

Search for the Stars '93 is a local talent contest, and fundraiser to benefit persons living with AIDS. The concept and format is based on Ed McMahon's "Star Search," with talented individuals competing in vocal, comic, dance, and other categories. Joseph Migliacci will emcee all three productions, with LaKish as his cohostess. Premier show April 10, at Joseph's Town and Country. Second show April 17 at The Town House. The finale is May 15 at Faces. All shows start at 7pm. The sponsor is Fairy Godfathers Fund, Inc.▼

The second 'handmaid's tale'

Lesbian health issues in the

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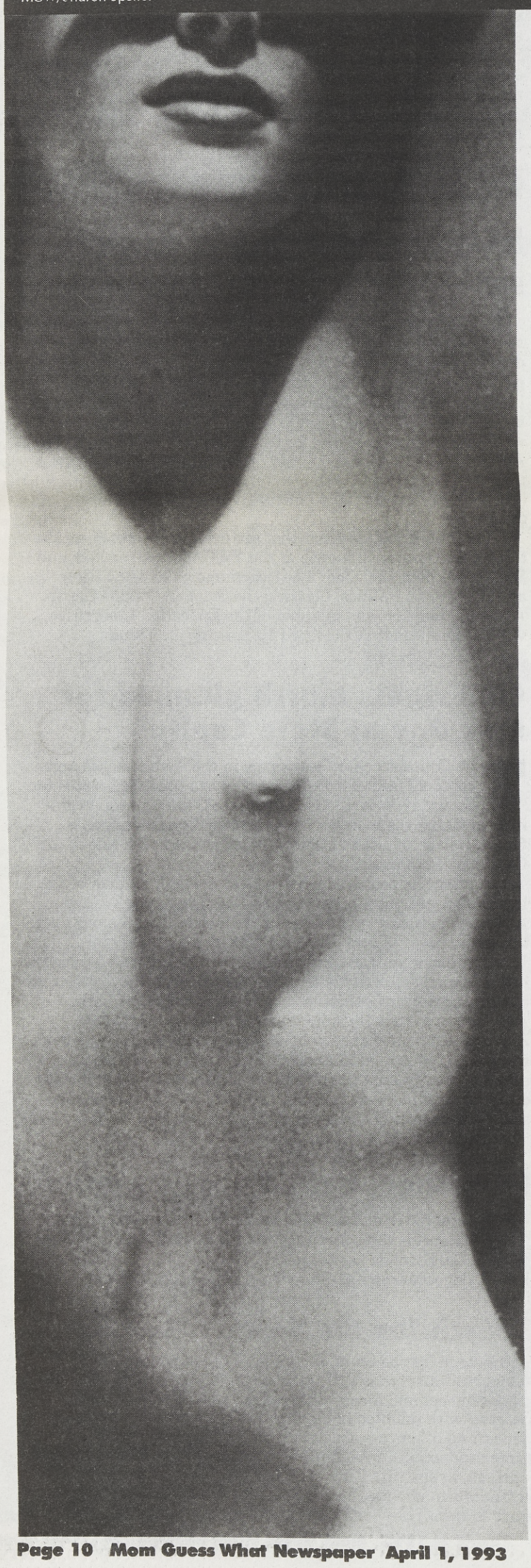

by Marghe Covino
and Keith Clark

Twenty years ago a rather modest, grass-roots book was published by a group of Boston feminists frustrated over the medical treatment women were receiving by the male-dominated health care establishment in this country. Part medical text, part home health advice, and part manifesto, *Our Bodies, Our Selves* turned into a women's medical Declaration of Independence. In the intervening two decades, the book has sold over three-million copies and continues to sell over 12,000 copies each year.

A lot has changed in those two decades. There are far more women physicians and women in medical schools than there were then; the abortion-rights movement set the state for Roe vs. Wade that took abortion out of back-alley coat-hangar chop shops and moved it into mainstream medical settings; and, following intense Congressional pressure, the National Institutes of Health recently set up an Office of Research on Women's Health to "coordinate and enhance" research on neglected women's health issues.

Even so, many women's health issues still get "back-of-the-bus" treatment, and lesbian health issues generally don't even get to ride.

Within the gay and lesbian community, lesbian health issues have been generally neglected and, largely because of AIDS, they have been until recently almost entirely overshadowed by that epidemic. Only within the past year or so have very many people, outside a few lesbian health activists, even become aware that there are lesbian health issues.

Yet breast cancer among lesbians claims thousands of lives each year and many thousands more survive only after surgery and various expensive and dangerous therapies. And the data suggests that breast cancer rates among lesbians, like women in general, are increasing.

Lesbians and breast cancer

Last year Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to declare an epidemic of breast cancer, launching a concerted campaign to fight the disease. That wasn't just medical scare tactics on the part of the state's health department.

Death rates from breast cancer in the United States are rising at alarming rates. In 1970, the year Our Bodies, Our Selves was first published, there were 29,900 deaths from breast cancer; by 1986 the number had risen to over 40,000 — an increase in the death rate per 100,000 from 14.7 to 16.9.

It is a particularly lesbian health issue because breast cancer rates are highest among women who have never borne children, as is the case with the overwhelming majority of lesbians. So while scientists might expect perhaps 10 percent of the women stricken with any particular disease in this country to be lesbians, the reality, many lesbian activists fear, is that for breast cancer the figures may be as high as 20 or 25 percent. As many as 11,000 of the estimated 44,000 women who died of breast cancer in 1990 may well have been lesbians.

Another way of looking at the disproportionate impact of breast cancer on lesbians is that, in declaring an epidemic in Massachusetts, Public Health Commissioner David Mulligan noted that one in nine women will be stricken with breast cancer during their lifetimes. But many lesbian health activists agree that for lesbians the ratio is one in four. Part of the reason is physiology, and part of it is a lack of knowledge.

National Center for Health Statistics figures show that women who have never been married are the least likely to know how to do a breast self-examination, the least likely to actually do the exam, and the least likely to have had a mammogram by a physician. So the group most at risk is also the group least prepared to take the first self-examination steps that can catch breast cancer early.

Earlier in February, Suzanne Haynes, an epidemiologist with the National Cancer Institute, confirmed what lesbian health activists have been saying for several years: that lesbians are two to three times at greater risk for breast cancer than heterosexual women. According to Haynes' research, lesbians have a 1-in-3 chance of developing breast cancer during their lifetimes, compared with a 1-in-9 lifetime risk among heterosexual women.

The depth of male bias, even with a distinctly women's health issue like breast cancer, has been articulated by Susan Love, an openly lesbian Harvard researcher, in her book, "The Breast." For example, she writes even the ideal of silicon implants for women who have had mastectomies is a "heterosexual male solution,, because silicon 'feels the same' to men and emphatically doesn't feel the 'same' to women..."

During the first nine years statistics on AIDS have been kept, some 89,000 Americans — mainly gay men — died in the epidemic. During that same period, for comparison, some cancer experts say, perhaps as many as 83,000 lesbians died from breast cancer.

Of course the AIDS epidemic is killing increasing numbers of people each year while breast cancer deaths are increasing much more slowly. But lesbian health activists are not far from the mark in pointing out that virtually every lesbian and gay man in America knows about the AIDS epidemic, while only a handful of people — and a few gay men — have ever even thought about breast cancer as a health issue for lesbians.

No one would suggest that the attention and funding AIDS has received is inappropriate. But women — and particularly lesbians — have a great deal to learn from how effective the gay community has been in publicizing and politicizing AIDS. One inescapable irony is that some of the most important and effective fighters in the AIDS epidemic have been lesbians, while health issues that profoundly affect their own health have gotten almost no attention by the mainstream press, and by the gay press in this country or by lesbians themselves.

"Lesbians are the Handmaidens"
— E. Harrison

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Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, a psychiatrist and prominent figure in national lesbian and gay medical groups, said, "Lesbians are in the forefront of organizations which care for men, care for the poor, the sick and the homeless. Lesbians are the handmaidens. We do the work, hold the hands and are then trashed and take the heat when things don't go right. Basically it's because lesbians hold no political power or control — we're so busy doing service that we're less competitive over power - we don't hold it as dear as men do."

And while there is promising new treatment for breast cancer using a combination of cancer-killing drugs in high doses, coupled with injections of a growth-factor serum to stave off the highly toxic effects of the anti-cancer chemicals, it may be years before enough is known about the still-experimental treatment to be sure how effective and safe it is.

The 'heterosexual presumption'

Pat Stevens, a PhD candidate at the University of California - San Francisco, cites the difficulties lesbians often have in just getting health care as a major issue. Stevens says her research interviews with lesbians indicate that many health-care providers consider lesbians "diseased, immoral, abnormal and perverse" and are uncomfortable about providing care and sometimes even refuse services to lesbians.

Stevens also says economic access to health care is another major problem. "Women are less likely to be insured," she said. "And because they make 65 percent of the amount men make in comparable jobs, are less likely to be able to pay for health care. Many lesbians hold part-time jobs or jobs in a market sector which doesn't offer health care benefits." Stevens said the lack of official acknowledgment of gay/lesbian families also impacts health care adversely because health insurance coverage for partners or children of partners is not permitted.

Stevens said ignorance and intolerance on the part of health care providers make lesbians much more reluctant to seek health care in the mainstream.

"I think the `heterosexual presumption' is a part of that [problem]; that providers just don't even consider that lesbians exist," she said.

Susan Liroff of the Berkeley-based Women's Cancer Resource Center, agrees. "During [government] budget slashing, women's programs are the first to go," Liroff said.

" ... So women's needs are being met only insofar as they are potential childbearers ..."

"Programs that do survive the cuts in general are those which view women as biological reproductive agents or in family units. So women's needs are being met only insofar as they are potential childbearers or existing wife/mothers."

Add to that the reluctance of many providers to have lesbians partners participate in their treatment, be present during health care interactions, and involved in making health decisions or even visiting a hospitalized partner, and the problems many lesbians face in the mainstream health system become enormous. The tendency of the general medical establishment not to take women and women's health issues seriously compounds the already critical situation.

Liroff said her office is deluged with requests for many services which she simply cannot provide. "There is one 15-hour-a-week staff person for the entire Bay Area at the Women's Cancer Resource Center — and that's me," she said. "We can't even come near meeting those needs."

"Nobody hears about ovarian cancer, dysplasia, fibroids which are being reported in epidemic numbers, chronic fatigue and a host of other problems," she said. "Alternative cancer treatment is not even mentioned. There's a 'media white-out' on anything that doesn't come out of an M.D.'s office. Women need access to information about acupuncture, chiropractic and homeopathy to name just a few alternatives."

But, Liroff asks, "Are any of these things even being researched? Hell no! It all needs more attention, more money. But maybe with the Lyon-Martin Clinic and the Charlotte Maxwell Clinic (at the Women's Cancer Resource Center) we'll see a little relief - in this area at least."

No more 'nice girls'

Many of the problems of homophobia which affect the general health care gay men have faced in the past are equally present for lesbians. But in addition a wealth of social, economic and political difficulties are added.

"The difference is that many gay men have other resources to cope with than do lesbians," says Carmen Vasquez, Gay and Lesbian Health Service Coordinator for the San Francisco Public Health Department.

"If a lesbian is seriously ill, the chances that she's not insured or in underinsured, are just far greater. So where's she going to go? She's probably going to go to the public [health] system. And the public system is not equipped, it doesn't provide good training for its physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses that would give them some level of sensitivity to their lesbian clients. I do some of that work, but I'm just one person. And San Francisco is the only city in the country that has an office that's charged specifically with doing that kind of sensitizing and education work."

"... the public system is not equipped, it doesn't provide good training for its physicians ... that would give them some level of sensitivity to their lesbian clients."

Within the gay community, health issues of concern to women get little attention and even shorter shrift.

In assessing the direction of the gay/lesbian movement in a recent SF Weekly article, writer Laura Miller interviewed a dozen or so San Francisco community leaders. She got 31 paragraphs into her 39-paragraph story before lesbian health issues were mentioned - after domestic partners, lesbian/gay youth concerns, and anti-homophobia programs for school-age students. With a not-too-surprising obliviousness to the very existence of lesbians, Miller's article was titled "A New Agenda for Gay Power."

"Why aren't they marching against their even more formidable killer ..."

Lesbians didn't even make it to the title.

Last year a letter to the editor in a lesbian/gay paper by a woman praising it for its recent coverage of cancer as a lesbian health issue was followed by four months of nasty letters about why AIDS should be the only health issue in our community. A typical recent letter said, "AIDS is a problem which is infinitely worse for gay men than all lesbian concerns rolled into one... When are gay men ever going to stand up to such women? We have the right to do so."

With vitriolic spleen-venting like this, is it any wonder medical writer Toby Cohen in Newsday recently questioned: "Why are women not given the choice of fighting for their lives? An even more painful question: why are they waiting to be given the choice? The gay men didn't wait [concerning AIDS]. They organized to force information to be made available to them, to break rigid experimental protocols, to compel the support of sympathetic professional people. They seized on any hope, however ephemeral or tenuous. But where are women's activists? Why aren't they marching against their even more formidable killer [breast cancer]?"

At least one answer - perhaps - came from Jackie Winnow, founder of the Women's Cancer Resource Center, who herself died of breast cancer last year: "I have wondered whether the urgency I feel comes because I have cancer; but I think that it only has brought it closer to me. I firmly believe that we are on the brink and that we must be very forceful in order to stop the destruction before there is no us. WE have to stop being nice girls and start fighting as if our lives depend on it - because they do."

Note: Since the authors first began researching breast cancer rates among lesbians a year-and-a-half ago, Marghe Covino has been diagnosed with breast cancer.▼

Lesbians invited to meeting on breast cancer

Recent research indicates the frequency of breast cancer among members of the lesbian community to be on in three. The general population experiences an approximate frequency rate of one in eight. This recent research has convinced the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society to make a determined effort to make in-roads into the lesbian community. They are interested in not only bringing breast health information to our community but to establish a rapport so information can be exchanged freely.

The American Cancer Society has coordinated with *MGW* an open meeting to discuss plans to bring breast health education to the lesbian/gay community. The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 4:30-6pm. Meeting place will be 5430 San Francisco Blvd. Info: John Bennett, Vice President of Public Education, American Cancer Society if you plan to attend, 457-6212.▼

Chapter Ten

This is the story of Adam ...

Previously: Adam made it home safely after his suicide attempt. Still scared and confused of what the future will bring he is bombarded with some curious friends who may or may not know what really had happened.

Amanda wasted no time plopping into the chair next to my bed and putting her hands on my face. She lightly rubbed my wounds hissing through her teeth. She commented on how painful they must be.

"What does everybody at work think happened?" I questioned emphatically.

Marilyn leaned over and talked in my ear. "Your mom told me what happened. I told Amanda that you were in a wreck. There is nothing to worry about. You and I have a lot to talk about though."

The reality was only half as bad as I had imagined. It was bad enough that Marilyn knew though. She was certainly going to be angry. I considered her my close friend and did not tell her that I was struggling with homosexuality. She was very protective of me and this would make her even worse.

Amanda continued to fawn over me for about a half an hour when the phone rang. Marilyn picked it up, her face became drawn.

"No, he is sleeping right now." I heard her say quietly. She thought I couldn't hear.

I asked who it was and the caller must have heard my voice because it seemed that he was arguing with Marilyn. Finally, she handed me the phone. It was Larry.

"Shit, I have been so worried! No one would tell me that is going on. Your mother would never let me talk to you! What is up? They blame me for last night don't they?"

I assured him that I didn't blame him, and that anyone that did was an idiot. We chatted for a while and then he had to go.

Marilyn apologized to me and explained that my mother told her not to let me talk to Larry. Amanda petted me one last time, forced a kiss on my cheek, and was gone.

After Amanda left Marilyn sat close to me.

"Where does it hurt?" she asked.

"Oh, I just have a few bumps. It's nothing really."

"Does this arm hurt?"

"No," I answered.

Suddenly, she slugged me hard in the arm and screamed at me. "Dammit! Dammit! I can't believe you! We are so close and you kept something this big hidden from me! All this time I was wondering what I was doing wrong that you only wanted to be my friend. Don't tell me you didn't notice that I was hoping for something more. All this time — Dammit! Not a word. You could have told me. It is not that terrible of a thing that you had to hide it from me. I'm you're best friend, amigo, compadre, even!"

"Compadre even?" I giggled. As I heard myself laugh I realized the value of her friendship. It almost seemed like this was the first time I had laughed in a long time.

"I am serious," she said then turned her head away in disgust at my laughter.

"I am sorry. I didn't know what to say. I suppose I have always felt this way, but I wasn't sure. I was afraid that I might find out that I wasn't. If I had told anybody that I thought I was, then I wasn't, they wouldn't believe me and say, 'Oh sure you're not ...' Am I making any sense?"

"Unfortunately, you are. I am probably the only person that it would make sense to. Well, it's out. So are you sure now?"

"I don't know. I'm a virgin. I have never slept with anyone, how am I supposed to know? All I know is I have not met a girl yet that has made me want to sleep with her, and I have met several guys that ... you know. Who knows, maybe I will meet a girl that changes all of that. Maybe I will get a guy and think it is gross. I don't know. All I know is that I messed everything up. Larry knows and my mom knows. I suppose it's all about damage control now."

"Do you love him?" she asked, as something that resembled fear crossed her eyes.

"I feel something. It's really strong. I get butterflies when I am with him. I want to be around him all the time. In my diary I called it love, but I am not prepared to say it out loud."

"If he wanted to be with you would you do it?"

"Yes," I said automatically.

"Do you think he ever will?"

"No. He said he loves me like a brother, a freakin' brother! Hmm, I suppose I should be glad he even gives a shit."

"I know how that feels my friend. Being gay and loving a man that won't love you back is not all that different then being a girl and having a guy that doesn't love you," she said, her voice becoming distant. She paused and looked off into space as though she were thinking of something. I was pretty sure she was thinking of me.

"Listen," she started again you have a lot to think about. No matter what I am here, gay, straight, transsexual what ever! Don't ever ask to borrow any of my dresses."

I felt so much better. Her response was more than I could have ever hoped for. Suddenly things felt a little more sane. I hugged her for that.

"I'm going to go. Don't freak. This gay stuff is two day news people will calm down soon. You're mom is really confused, but not mad. You'll be okay. I love you."

"I love you, too, thanks," I said as I watched her leave.

Perhaps everything would be alright. It all depended on Larry in my mind. I would not be relieved until I was sure that he was okay with me. I decided to give him time and wait for him to call again.

To be continued ...

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SPORTS

Local water buff to start women's aquatic group

by K.K. Ray
MGW Staff

I'll be surfing 'til I'm 70 or 80," promises Sacramento water buff, Marilyn Ruts ... and I believe her.

Ruts grew up near the coastal town of Pacifica, where surfing is as normal a part of growing up as Little League. "They made it sound so exciting," she says of the boys at her high school that would constantly brag about their surfing adventures. So much so, that she bought her very first surfboard from one of them, even though her swimming skills were undeveloped. At the age of 15, Ruts packed her nine-foot long, 130-pound surfboard to the beach nearly every day. Her father would sit on the beach and watch his little girl wrestle the waves and her surfboard, armed only with a lifejacket and probably the biggest grin on the coast.

Ruts moved to Sacramento to attend college and joined an aquatic club on campus. "All the old surfers go sailing, she explains whimsically about the small sailboat she inherited from a friend. "I don't want my friends strapped to the masts," she says as she speaks of her purchase of a larger sailboat capable of carrying a few more people than just herself.

"Surfing is individual ... and I'll never give it up," admits Ruts, who currently devotes most of her spare time to sailing and diving and enjoying the camaraderie of both sports. "Scuba was an extension of everything else," explains Ruts, who admits that learning how to dive was anything but a cakewalk. "It was hard work, but it was the love of the water that made me work a little harder."

After the first couple of dives, Ruts was at home again in the water, only this time she was looking up from underneath it. "Part of being comfortable in the water is learning how to equalize your ears," asserts Ruts, who promises that diving becomes easier and more enjoyable with each dive.

"The water is meditative ... I love the sound," she explains beamingly of her love for the water. Ruts would ideally like to pursue a profession in water sports and believes wholeheartedly that "if you show interest in things, they happen. She continues, "I don't want to be behind a desk when I'm 50 — I want to be on the water." Distributing flyers all around town, Ruts is promoting diving classes and a women's water sports club called Women's Odyseas. Her goal is to build a network of water buffs that will collectively participate in and enjoy sailing and diving expeditions.

"Sharing knowledge. That's what it's all about ... women with big boats feel like people just want them for their boats ... we don't want that,"

MGW/K.K. Ray

Local water buff Marilyn Ruts would like to start a women's aquatic group called "Womens Odyseas." If interested in joining call 447-5208.

assures Ruts. She stresses the fact that learning about sailing and diving can't be accomplished successfully from a book. Her philosophy is one of teaching and learning through the group experience.

Events the network will participate in may include moonlight sails, camping in the ocean or tributaries on their boats and even "sailing horror films" in the winter. "Lots of videos in the winter," she assures.

Ruts offers advice to those interested in learning more about swimming, sailing or diving. She currently teaches classes for those who need to brush up on their swimming skills, and for those interested in becoming scuba certified. She is willing to present a slide show for any group of friends or co-workers that may want to know more about diving, swimming or sailing.

How does diving for abalone off the coast of Fort Bragg sound? Or sailing along the coast of California? Ruts is organizing such excursions, slated for this summer. Call 447-5208 for info. She will be thrilled to hear from you, even if your only water experience is in the backyard pool with your little brother's water floaties. All it takes is interest, and we all have to start somewhere.▼

BOOKS

The necessity of tolerance

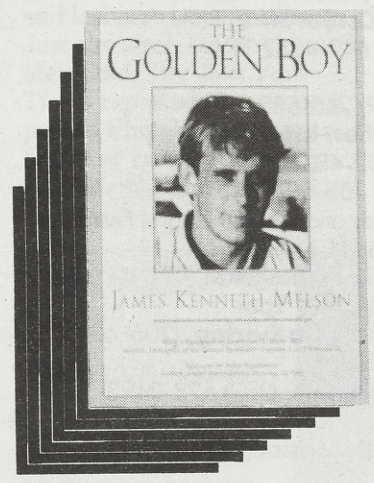
by Alicia J. Gonzales
MGW staff

***The Golden Boy*, James Kenneth Melson, The Haworth Press, Inc., 1992**

"Many homosexuals are obligatory narcissists," is the quote that begins James Kenneth Melson's autobiographical *The Golden Boy*. The remainder of the text serves a double purpose: one, to draw the reader into the mind of a beautiful, young, gay male, or "golden boy," Melson himself, and explain the value system that governs his sexuality, self-perception, political and social awareness, as he experiences coming out in 1980; and two, to demonstrate the impact of AIDS upon Melson, and track the gradual changes in his harsh perception of himself, God, and his relationships with others.

The book is a testament to the overall destruction within the ruthlessly competitive and materialistic 1980s; particularly poignant is Melson's lack of any real, close relationships and support within the gay community, and the painful sense of isolated loneliness he experiences due to his false, inflated sense of superiority.

Perhaps the readers best able to identify with Melson are those gay males who came out, in their 20s, during the 1980s. Gay bath houses, Studio 54, Fire island, and the increasing importance upon youth, perfect bodies, and multiple partners with no emotional ties, Melson explains through the telling of his own life story, were the preoccupations of many gay males. This slice of Melson's life, with a bit of childhood background, is the focus of much of the book, and is at times funny, cold, cruel, witty, stepped in prejudice, and always glamorous. In a word, it is honest.



The value of the book, however, lies with Melon's giving readers a reason to believe in the necessity of tolerance. Melson's own superficiality and self-hatred is, at times, terrifying. His "narcissism and his prejudices," as is explained in the epilogue of *The Golden Boy*, "are little more than a thin mask for his feeling that being homosexual is an ugly, unnatural, immoral thing." Melson, having written this book before dying of AIDS in January of 1992, has left us with a story that awakens us to the necessity of tolerance for others, and more immoral thing." Melson, having written this book before dying of AIDS in January, 1992, has left us with a story that awakens us to the necessity of tolerance for others, and more importantly, for ourselves and who we are.▼

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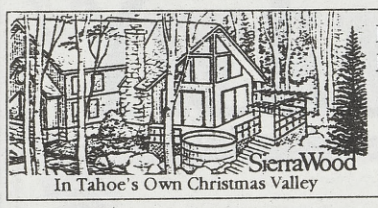

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Chorus Festival
Masquerade Ball
National Bear Gathering
Lincoln Memorial, noon, (206) 624-1195
NMAC Congressional Dinner, (202) 544-1076
Candlelight Vigil, Holocaust Museum, Rachel Wallenberg Plaza, 8pm

Friday April 23

Lobby Days, office visits on Capitol Hill
NGLTF Lesbian Action Breakfast, 8am, 1734 14th St. N.W.
NGLTF Open House, 11am-4pm, 1734 14th St. N.W.
Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Conference, Party, (301) 270-5484 V & TTY, (301) 649-4332 TTY
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Drag Show Extravaganza, (202) 265-5891
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ACT UP/Network Benefit, (816) 753-5930
Harmonic Convergence — A Gay and Lesbian Choral Festival, Lisner Auditorium/GWU, 21st and H, NW, 8pm
HOEDOWN! Country Western Dance Extravaganza, National Bldg. Museum, 401 F St., NW, 9pm
Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Gathering, (206) 684-5321
HRCF Gala Dinner, (202) 628-4160
People of Color Conference, 8am-5pm, (202) 628-0493.
People With Disabilities Dance, (408) 929-7128, (708) 524-0600
Gay and Lesbian Pilots Assoc. Reception, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7pm
Women, Words & Rhythm, benefit for Lesbian Health, reading & dance, 8pm, (202) 797-3585.
Business Fair for Lesbian & Gay Entrepreneurs, 9-11am, (202) 401-3784.
Gala Beneffit for Lesbian and Gay Rights/One in Ten, 8pm, American premiere "Sex Is ..." Best Gay Film - 1993 Berlin Film Festival, (202) 333-2696.

Saturday April 24

Hands Around the Capitol, noon, (202) 328-2437
NGLTF Fight the Right Town Meeting, 1-4pm, Washington Hilton
Honoring Our Allies Reception, 4-7pm, Washington Hilton
NGLTF Fundraiser — Romanovsky & Phillips, Margie Adam, Karen Williams, 8pm, DC Auditorium, $18
Gay Rites Dance, 9pm-4am, Washington Hilton
Americans We, 7:30pm, Lesbian/Gay Bands of America
Wedding Ceremony of Commitment, 11am, IRS Bldg. (213) 464-5100
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Party, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Bi National Gathering
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
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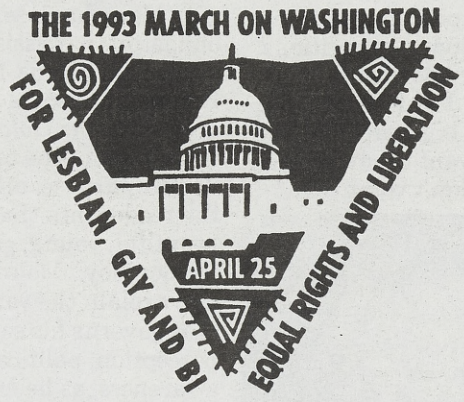

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AA & Al-Anon Speakers & Dance
Asian and Pacific Islander Dinner
Tony Chang's Restaurant, 619 H St. NW, 7pm, (301) 345-1230
Bisexual Dance, GWU, 9pm-1am, (617) BIS-MOVE
March on Washington Party, Tracks, 10pm, (202) 488-3320
HRCF Leadership Conference, (202) 628-4160
Gay Rites Dance, HRCF/NGLTF/MOW, Washington Hilton (202) 332-6483
A Dance — To Benefit Lesbian Health Care, GWU/Marvin Center, 21st and I Sts. NW, 10pm, (202) 332-5536, (202) 797-3585
March on Washington Black-Tie Gala, (202) 628-0493
Women's Dance, NOW, (202) 331-0066
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Taps Ceremony — GLB Veterans of America, (802) 479-7934
Texas Two-Step Party, Food and Dance Tracks, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Reception Honoring U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, MCC of Washington, 474 Ridge St., 5pm, (213) 464-5100
Washington Blade — Welcoming Breakfast for Gay & Lesbian members of the media, 1408 U St., NW, 9am-11am, (202) 797-7000
The Wedding — Interfaith Ceremony of Commitment, IRS Bldg., (213) 464-5100
Wedding Reception, (213) 464-5100
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Nat'l. Assoc. of Black and White Men Together Banquet, (301) 670-6842.
Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Luncheon, 11am, (202) 842-8679.
Spring to Life Concert and Dance, (800) 551-SEAT.
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MCC Service at Lincoln Memorial, 7:30pm, (213) 464-5100
Missing In Action, Mall, all day, (212) 853-3908
Lesbian Physicians Conference, (215) 476-7462, thru Weds.
NAMES Project Quilt Display, (415) 863-1966
Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 479-7934
Guys and Dolls, $100, Kennedy Center, (202) 628-0493

Monday April 26

March on the Pentagon, (202) 332-1212, (404) 933-1953, (718) 768-6852
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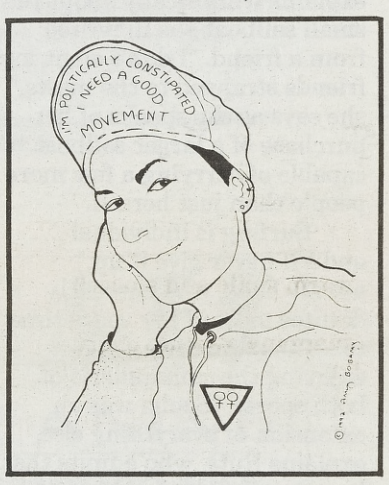

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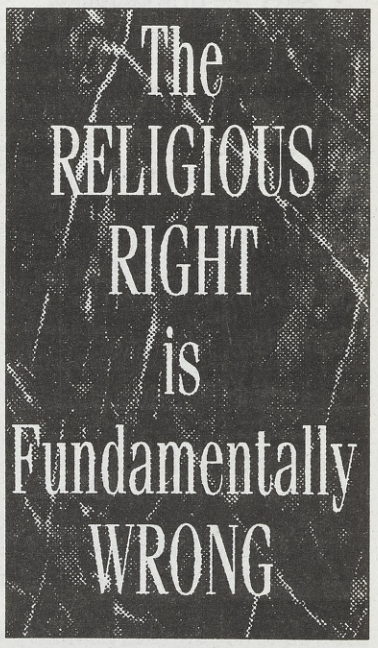

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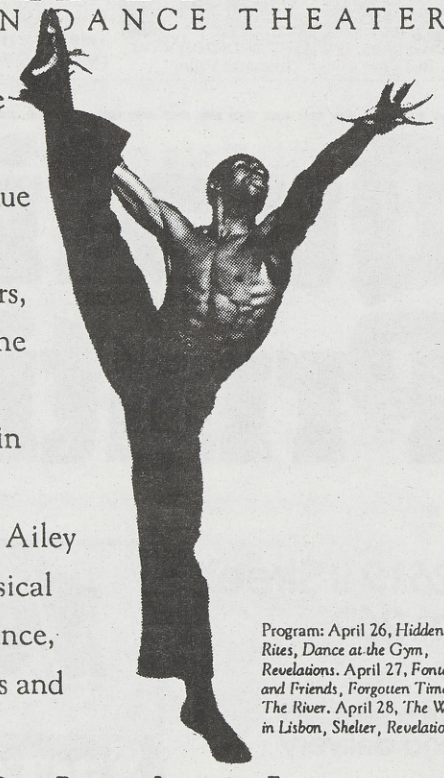

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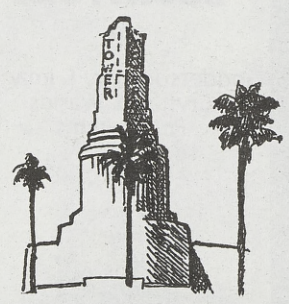

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Photo special to MGW

Susan Chandler oversees author, Lillian Faderman signing her book at the latest SACWN meeting.

Performing songs from her recently released tape, *Gwen Avery Live at IMA* (produced by June Millington), Gwen touches the audience with her warm smile and smooth sounds. She coaxes for finger snapping, teaches choruses and involves the listener in the creation of her art. Her blend of rhythm and blues, touched by gospel with a sprinkling of scat moves the spirit and frees the soul. Her original love songs reflect her lesbian spirit from "love you till you're cherry red" to "bring you chocolate cookies in your bed."

Gwen Avery has performed since 1974 at music festivals, women's organizations and lesbian functions. In the late 70s she agreed to perform her now famous "Sugar Mama" on the album, *Lesbian Concentrate,* produced to fund a response to the lies of Anita Bryant. Living in the Bay area she performs frequently at the Oakland coffee house and bookstore, Mama Bears as well as Josies in the City. She is currently a soloist with the Gospel Choir of San Francisco City College.

Tickets for the performance can be purchased by mail or by calling SACWN at 451-8034. Price range from $12 for subscribers, $17 for non-subscribers to $20 at the door. This SACWN event is open to women over 21 only.▼

Meinhold pushes buttons in Stockton

by Kathelen Johnson
MGW Staff

Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold of Moffett Field spoke to a full auditorium of 500 students, faculty, and others, straight and gay, as he gave the opening address for Celebrate Diversity, an annual weeklong event for the public, held at University of the Pacific in Stockton. The conference director, Mike Traina, introduced Meinhold, who strode to center stage and opened with a joke about his striking patriotic windbreaker of red and white stripes with a blue field of white stars. "My friends often accuse me of wrapping myself in the American flag; so I decided to do it!"

For more than an hour he charmed the audience and teased with good humor about himself and other gays in the military, as innocuously and charmingly as any clean-cut boy next door. He told about going home to tell his family he's gay. His sister spoke up, "I already figured that out." Surprised, Meinhold asked, "How did you know?" His sister smiled, "Because you're so cute! All the cute guys are gay." And to the audience Meinhold added, with a grin, "Aren't we lucky?"

Meinhold has served in the Navy for over 12 years. He loves his job and loves the military. "I *liked* boot camp. Right then they should have known I was queer." He is devoted to his work, saving people at sea. "I get to push buttons and keep clean; gay men don't like to do butch things, like get dirty with wrenches." And because he believes in the military, he wants to improve it by ending homophobia" "We've got to stop persecuting Americans; Americans are not the enemy."

The tone of Meinhold's talk was warm and friendly, a cozy, intimate chat generously spiced with humor. But his message was dead serious. He talked frankly about injustice and how the military violates the rights of Americans. "I saw how much (prejudice against gays and lesbians) hurt people in the military. If they were straight and were accused of being gay, it ruined their careers."

He is committed to doing everything he can to end discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. Just the week before this talk, Meinhold, *The New York Times* reported that among people who already know a friend or relative who is gay or lesbian, 90 percent said there should be no discrimination in the military. Those are the people who defend us and say, "Hey! Hold it! This is my *friend*." And that's what it's going to take, he said, "a groundswell of public support from all America, not just California."

"Too many gays don't come out or speak up," Meinhold lamented, and then with true military commitment and courage he continued, "so I'll be an ambassador for gays, as I am for America."▼

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Relationships ...

Childhood continued?

by Sandra Warne, M.A.
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It's nice to return to writing my column after a respite to build a new home and future Healing Retreat in Garden Valley. I'm eager to explore, and share with you once again the complex issues of relationships, emotional healing and attaining higher levels of conscious responding in our day-to-day lives.

As you contemplate whether or not it's time for you to get involved in a relationship, be aware that relationships, like childhood, have a natural history. Couples that I counsel are surprised to learn that their relationships develop in identifiable stages that parallel those of their childhood. The correlation between the issues of our childhood and the issues of our relationships is not as uncanny as it seems, since these relationships — like childhood — proceed from attachment to independence, through identity and competence, to concern and intimacy, cleverly and unconsciously re-creating the exact issues needed to resolve our unfinished childhood business.

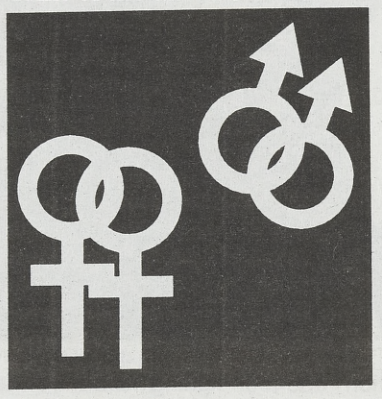
Our romantic love mirrors the stage of Attachment, as partners establish the bond that will enable them to weather the storm to follow: "the power struggle." The power struggle parallels the childhood stages of Exploration, Identity and Competence.

If the couple can become aware of what's going on, then they can work to become an integrated self within the framework of their relationship and move beyond the power struggle to genuine concern for each other's welfare and a deep intimacy that evolves into real love.

Relationships follow a cyclical, not linear progress. We may return to romance, to the power struggle, and to re-emergent caring many times throughout the life cycle of our relationship, often in connection with changing external circumstances such as illness, births, deaths and financial setbacks.

Most of the couples I treat come to see me at some point "after" their romantic love stage. What is often misunderstood is that their romantic love stage represented the height of "unconsciousness" sustained by unrealistic idealization of one another.

Romantic love can last for anywhere from a few weeks to a few years, but without fail the bubble will burst; the veil of illusion vanishes and we come face-to-face with the unnerving truth about one another's fallibility. So what happened? Well, anticipation becomes expectation, both partners begin to withdraw some of the unconditional



giving that characterizes the early relationship and at the same time, they begin to demand that each of their own needs to met.

In earlier columns I explained our tendency to choose partners with the same failings as our parents, so it's quite likely that this new partner will fail us as well, and in the same old devastating ways. Each is doomed to disappoint the other.

We are taught to believe that being in love is an indicator of the rightness of our partners. When the romance wanes, many take it as an indicator that the relationship has run its course. Because most of us don't have the legal sanction of marriage to at least temporarily bind us to one another through difficult realizations, we often just give up — cut bait and run — looking for someone "better" to meet our needs.

Those more courageous couples seek therapy or couples workshops before jumping ship. I so often hear, "My love has died; I'm just not in love anymore; I don't feel the same." It seems to be my unpleasant task to give them the bad news: "It's supposed to die."

If you get stuck in the stage of romantic love, you are stuck in the Attachment stage corresponding to that stage in infancy; in order for the relationship to go further, you have to move on to the stage of Exploration and beyond. Romance is just the launching pad. To get to real love, you have to knuckle down to the work of healing and consciousness. No one "works" on a relationship when the endorphins are raging. Romantic love is supposed to end. It's the glue which brings two incompatible people together for the purpose of mutual growth, and enables them to survive the disillusionment that they did not choose perfect people as partners.

Romantic love may be an indicator of the potential in a relationship; that potential can only be reached through the despair that becomes the power struggle.

If we do not use our relationship to finish childhood, we will get bogged down in the same issues we were stuck in as children. When romantic love dies, it clears the way for real love.

Next time I'll address navigating the tumultuous waters of the power struggle.

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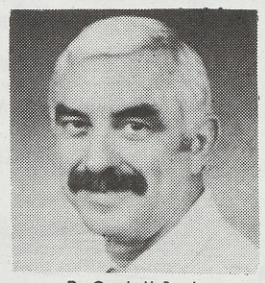
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Keeping Rover home

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW Staff

Losing the family pet can be a devastating experience. It isn't easy when age creeps up or an illness befalls them. The results are final and we are left with our grief, but at least we know where they are and what happened. However, when a storm blows a fence down or a nervous pup escapes during fireworks on the 4th of July, the loss is made even worse by the "not-knowing" what has happened.

MGW/Joan Guertin
The 2nd Annual Purebred Dog Breed Showcase, held at Premium Pet Store, 6067 Greenback, in early March.

With spring we find family dogs wandering off in search of the opposite sex. With warmer weather children are more active, spending more of their time outdoors and thus increasing the likelihood that gates or doors will be left open. Male dogs will travel miles in search of a female. Owners of female dogs can swear that they keep their dogs locked up, but sometimes our efforts are not enough. One recent report from friends found a persistent male breaking in through a sliding glass door to reach the female, locked in her own home. A male will dig, jump, plow-through, knock down, whatever it takes to reach his goal. While their feline counterparts are no less resourceful and will travel miles from home particularly now, the peak of spring breeding season.

The only solution is to neuter these wandering males. One friend had a German Shorthair that could scale any fence, no matter the height and many valuable hours were spent searching the neighborhood for the errant canine. With altering, he became a loyal stay-at-home, he'll live longer and be healthier.

In regards to the females, while my first suggestion is to alter, other solutions are to use chlorophyll tablets to reduce the scent and keep her in a secure, dig-proof, covered chain-link run outside or in a crate inside during her three-week heat cycle. However, note that there is no reason for a female to ever go through a heat cycle if she is not a show quality animal that will be shown. It is an old wives tale that one season will help her mature. Get her spayed and save the heartache of a lost dog, or unwanted litter.

Escape proof fences. Check frequently that boards have not rotted or that Rover hasn't started a tunnel back behind the bushes in a far corner of the yard when he's been bored. Use padlocks on gates. And, if there is a gardener who needs access, put in a dog run for days when the lawn needs tending or SMUD needs to read meters. Training will also help. It is possible to boundary train dogs to stay behind their fences or within the parameters of their own yards. This takes time and some dedication. Some people swear by the Invisible Fence system for keeping their dogs confined.

However, accidents happen and dogs do get out. By all means make sure that each dog wears a collar with current license and an ID. These are easy enough to attain, any pet shop and some veterinary offices sell ID tags. Attach them to a buckle-on collar that is snug enough that it can't be pulled off over the ears. Do not put tags on a choke chain. Snagged on a nail or bush, it then turns deadly, strangling the struggling dog.

Modern technology is now available that will make it easier to identify the ownership of lost or stolen dogs. AVID, The American Veterinary identification Device is a microchip inserted under the skin of the dog's neck. When scanned by a hand-held scanner, the owner's individual ID number comes up. These numbers can then be tracked back to the veterinarian who implanted the chip or by a one-time registration with PETtrac, ($35, lifetime membership, every AVID microchipped pet) which puts the member on a national, computerized recovery network.

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Dog lovers' activities ...

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April 17: The Annual U.D. Davis Picnic Day complete with Dachshund races and many other interesting events.

April 18: Annual Sacramento Kennel Club Spring Dog Show will be an all day event at Cal Expo. Watch the *Sacramento Bee* the week of the show for a schedule of times for favorite breeds and obedience competition.

April 25: The Pet Health Fair at Consumnes River College from 11am-3pm on the Main Campus. Pet lovers are encouraged to bring their furry friends for socialization. There will be demonstrations, competitions for fun and contests for people and their pets.

May 1: Tri Visual Services annual DOG-A-THON, for info: 428-8602.

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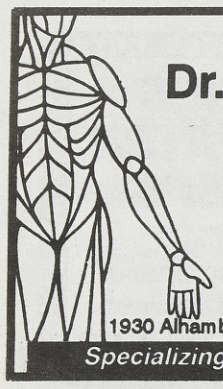

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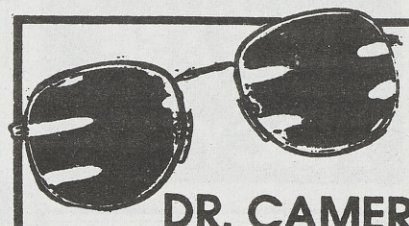

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CALENDAR

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A P R I L

1 - Thursday

APRIL FOOL'S DAY!!!

RAINBOW REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS General Meeting, 450 Bercut Dr., Hungry Hunter, 11:30am, 489-6936.

CENTRAL CITY FORUM MEETING, for downtown and midtown business owners to resolve problems, 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L St.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, 12pm, University Union, 454-5615.

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 7 pm, A20 Sac. City College.

BEING GAY TODAY Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 9 pm.

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPART., 6:30pm, Hiram Johnson High School, 6879 14th Ave., 444-5441.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, El Dorado AIDS Task Force, 451 Main St., Office 9, 7pm, 626-4882.

ADOPTION IS A LOVING OPTION, 9am, Seminar on adoption, $25, Howe Ave. Box Ofc., Community Center Box Ofc., and BASS.

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL, Sebastopol, (415) 563-2313, thru April 4.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, El Dorado AIDS Task Force, 451 Main St., Office 9, 10am, 626-4882.

4 - Sunday

PALM SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME, set clocks 1 hour ahead, change batteries!

OLD SACRAMENTO COLLECTOR'S FAIR, 7am-4pm

SPRING FORWARD - SKI BASH '93, Northstar, Tahoe, benefit for Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 448-AIDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Holy Eucharist, 8am, High Mass 10am, holy Eucharist in Spanish 12:30pm, 1430 J St., 446-2620

UC Davis presents ...

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UC Davis Presents Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, April 26-28, Sacramento Community Theater, 757-3199 for info and tickets.

2 - Friday

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Kindergarten 6:30, Beginning 7:40, 6241-2 Fair Oaks Blvd. near Marconi, 485-2201.

SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC, "City Lights," Charlie Chaplin's final film, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St., 264-5181, thru April 3.

TEDDY BEAR CONVENTION, 431 Broad St., Nevada City, 265-5804, thru April 4.

WOMEN MAKING MUSIC RETREAT, directed by Judy Fjell, Bishop's Ranch, $150-$250, (503) 482-9122, (707) 944-2420, thru April 5.

3 - Saturday

GAY/LESBIAN BOAT OWNERS, Folsom Lake Yacht Club, Chili Party, Beer, 1-3pm, Browns Ravine Marina on H Dock.

YARD SALE AND CREAM TOMATO '93 CONCERT SERIES, 9am, 24th & I St.

BROWN BAG READER'S THEATRE, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 6pm, $5-$8, 442-4657.

CAMPING WOMEN/SAC. CHAPTER, Mariah River Cleanup, 361-8668.

WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT, 9pm, The Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis, $1 donation, 758-2282.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW, 2-5pm, Sac. Garden & Arts Center, 330 McKinley Blvd., thru April 4, 10am-5pm.

WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD, support group, 4pm, 758-0195 or 756-0277.

5 - Monday

P.S. BETTE DAVIS, the Plus Room, San Francisco, (415) 885-6800, thru May 1.

WORRIED WELL HIV-Seronegative, 6:30pm, SAF, 920 20th St., 448-2437.

TWIN SPIRITS VETERANS ASSOC., 7:30pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, Joan Lewis 662-9478.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Beginning, 6:30, Intermediate, 7:30, Johnson-Sprinview Park, Rocklin, 485-2201.

PACO PENA UCD Presents, 7pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis, $15-$18, 923-2277, 752-1915.

6 - Tuesday

PASSOVER

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Full Moon Hike, 487-3124.

SACRAMENTO LEATHER ASSOCIATION meeting,

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HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

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7 - Wednesday

JAVA LIVE Open Mike, live TV taping, sign-ups 7:30, no cover, Java City, 1800 Capitol Ave., 444-JAVA.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES potluck/planning meeting, 7pm, 421-6209 for location.

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPT. 6:30pm, NSSD Auditorium, 670 Dixieanne Ave., 444-5441.

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 1 pm, B222 Sac. City College.

8 - Thursday

DANCE COLLAGE '93, Main Theatre, UC Davis, 8pm, $5-$6, 752-1915, thru April 10.

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPT. 6:30pm, Kennedy High School, 6715 Gloria Dr., 444-5441.

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9 - Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

LONE LOVE BENEFIT featuring The Supremes, benefit for the Mustard Seed School for Homeless Children, 7pm, Sacramento Grand Ballroom, 629 J St., RSVP by April 5, 800-488-0119.

SLCC GOES TO WASHINGTON DANCE, 8pm, Camellia Room, 2722 L St., $5-$8.

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12 - Monday

MAHLATHINI AND THE MAHOTELLA QUEENS UCD Presents, 8pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis, 923-BASS, 752-1915.

GAY/LESBIAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30pm, Scott Farrell 448-0422.

13 - Tuesday

BREAST HEALTH EDUCATION, 5430 San Francisco Blvd., American Cancer Society, 4:30-6pm, 457-6212.

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HIV MEDICAL TREATMENT UPDATE, Neil Flynn, M.D., UCD Med Center Cancer Center Auditorium, 4101 X St., 7:30pm.

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GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 1 pm, B222 Sac. City College.

15 - Thursday

SACWN PRESENTS GWEN AVERY, Penthouse at the Galleria, 2901 K St., 6:30pm, $12-$20.

REPERTORIO ESPANOLE, UCD Presents. 757-3199.

16 - Friday

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Master Calender of Gay/Lesbian Events

March on Washington	April 23 -26
CAP PAC Annual Dinner	June 5
Lambda Center Awards Dinner	Late May or June 17
Lambda Freedom Fair Celebration	June 19
S.F. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival	June 18-27
S.F. Gay Pride Parade	June 27
Northwest Games, Seattle	July 4-6
RCDC Lambda Awards Dinner	October 10
Coming Out Day	October 11
MGW Newspaper Anniversary	November
Gay Games - New York	June, 1994
N.Y. Stonewall 25 March	June 26, 1994
Snow White Champagne Ball	December 11, 1994

GALLERIES

Abreu Gallery, Life Size Sculpture - Sally Lewis, Surrealistic Pastels - Brian Rogne, New Serigraphs - Robert Scharr, thru April 30. Reception: April 10, 6pm, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.

ARC Art Gallery, 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8433.

Archival Framing Gallery, "Putting' On The Dog," Reception: April 10, 7pm, 1729 L St., 444-9624.

Big Art, 1928 L St., 446-2740.

Center for Contemporary Art, A Survey of Sculpture by Richard Feese, thru April 10 1116 15th St., 448-6269.

Crocker Art Museum, "En el Ojo de Ollin" thru Apr 4, 68th Annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition, April 3-May 20, reception: April 2, 7pm, 3rd & O St., 264-5423.

IDEA Gallery, "Rice Story" - Florence Flo Oy Wong, May 1-June 12, reception: May 1, 7pm, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

J. Maddux Parker Gallery, Mixed mediums: Sharon Jacques, Dawn Kaneshiro, Malja Peeples, Karen Calden Fulk and Beth Lo, thru April 3, Works on Paper - Luis Cruz Azaceta, April 6-May 3, reception: April 10, 6pm, 1107 22nd St., 448-6616.

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938.

Kondos Art Gallery, SCC, 12th Ave & Freeport, 451-8815.

La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133.

Labyrinth Gallery, Menlo Macfarlane's "Turn of the Century Tour," thru March 31, reception: Sat., Feb. 20, 7-10pm, 916 24th St., 443-3906.

Lite Rail Gallery, 912 12th St, 441-1013.

Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, Ceramic Works Group Exhibition - Yoshio Taylor, Margaret Licha, James Lovera, Armin Muller, Kendall LeCompte, Eric Wyss, New works by Amelia Opie and Gale Hart, thru April 4; "Mr. & Mrs." - Michael & Suzanne Adan, Watercolor Wood Prints - Mick Sheldon, April 7-May 1, reception: 10am, 1020 10th, 448-8723.

Muffins Etc., 1404 28th St. 452-1829.

Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Selected Works - Margaret Harrison, April 4-May 21, reception: April 4, 3pm. "Small Wonders," April 1-June 18, UCD, 752-8500.

Paragary's Bar & Oven, 28 & N St..

Pennisi's Cafe: 1030 J St., 446-6988.

SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St.

The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 29th Annual Religious Art Fetival, May 8-May 23, 1701 L St., 444-0874.

University Union Exhibit Lounge, Watercolor by Janet Danzi, thru April 2, rPaintings, drawings by Maria Winkler, April 12-April 30, reception: April 28, 5-7pm, 17th Annual Student Purchase Awards Show, May 3-May 29, reception/awards: May 12, 5-7pm, CSUS 6000 J St., 278-7250, 278-6595.

Where 2? ""On Site," acrylic paintings by Dexter Smith, 2331 J St., 448-1264.

THEATRE

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Actors Theater of S.F, 553 Sutter St., S.F., (415) 296-9179.

ARC Theatre Arts , 4700 College Oak DR. 484-8234. "You Can't Take It With You," Apr 23 - May 1.

B St. Theatre, "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking," April 6-May 8, 2711 B St., 443-5300.

Carmichael Civic Theatre, 5802 Robertson Ave., Carmichael, 489-6880, 483-2775.

Davis Comic Opera Company. Veteran's Memorial Theatre, 14th & B Sts, Davis.

Foothill theatre Company, "Kiss Me Kate," thru April 3, "Blue Window," May 7-May 29, preview: May 6, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," June 25-August 20, preview: June 24, "Quilters," July 16-Sept. 4, preview: July 15, "The Cherry Orchard," Sept. 24-Oct. 16, preview: Sept. 23, "Lend Me A Tenor," Nov. 12-Dec. 18, preview: Nov. 11, Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959, (916) 265-TKTS.

Garbeau's, "Nunsense," thru May 16, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

IDEA, "Bringing Hope to a Hopeless World," one-act play, thru March 28, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

Lambda Players "A Midsummer Night's Dream," thru March 27, YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th St., 442-7752,

Life on the Water, "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," April 1, (415) 776-8999.

Lines Contemporary Ballet, March 18-28, Cowell Theater, fort Mason, S.F., $15-$25, (415) 281-8383.

Music Circus Broadway Series, "My Fair Lady," July 7-11; "South Pacific," July 12-18; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," July 19-25; "Annie," July 26-August 1; "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," August 2-8; "Grease," August 9-15; "Man of La Mancha," August 16-22, Community Convention Center Theater, 14th & L Sts.; 264-5181.

The Sacramento Ballet "Cinderella" Apr 8 - 11.

SAC City Actors Theater, "To Kill A Mockingbird," April 23-May 9, 3835 Freeport, 558-2228.

Sacramento Theater Co., "Speed the Plow," thru April 18, "The Pain of the Macho," April 2-April 24, -"Dancing at Lughnasa," Sept. 14-Oct. 10," "From the Mississippi Delta," October 5, "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 15-Dec. 24, "Golf with Alan shepard," Jan 11-Feb. 6, 1994, "The Grapes of Wrath," March 1-April 22, 1994, "The Tavern," March 8-April 24, 1994, "A Cappella," March 29, 1994, "The Imaginary Invalid," May 10-June 5, 1994, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

The Show Below, "Orphans," March 19-April 24, 22nd & L St., 446-2787.

Studio Theate 127-a Bank St, Grass Valley 273-2730. .

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079. "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," opens April 1, "Brave Smiles ... Another Lesbian Tragedy," April 1-11, "Living on Salvation Street" thru May 1. "Coconut" Jun 3-26.

Tribad Productions, "Cinderella ... the Real True Story," April 9-May 8, Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma 707-545-9806.

UCD Arena Theatre, "Lizzie or, Better an Outlaw," April 8-11, 752-1915.

University Theatre, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6368. "Boys From Syracuse" thru . "Waiting For Godot" Mar 25 - Apr 3, "Metropolis" Apr 23 - May 9, "Mighty Gents" May 6 - 16, CSUS Theatre Dept. Box Office, 278-6604.

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